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WHITEAWAY'S

ROOSEVELT REVEALS NAZI TROOPS MAY HAVE LANDED IN GREENLAND

WASHINGTON, APR. 25 (REUTER).—IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GREENLAND HAS BEEN PARTLY OCCUPIED BY AXIS FORCES, SAID PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO-DAY, BUT HE ADDED THAT HE HAD NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ON THIS POINT.

HE REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE OCCUPATION MIGHT BE BY FIFTH COLUMNISTS.

He said that the United States was taking steps to counteract any occupation of Greenland and hoped that there would be "no further act of aggression."

President Roosevelt also declared at the conference that American neutrality patrols would operate "as far into the waters of the seven seas" as may be necessary for the defence of the Western Hemisphere.

The United States was not thinking of escorting convoys of merchantmen at this time, the President added.

President Roosevelt declined to be drawn into specific comments designed to amplify his views on convoys but said that for a year and a half, neutrality patrol vessels had been operating as far as 1,000 miles from the Atlantic eastern shore.

LIBYAN WAR Axis Mixed Forces Found at Tobruk

CAIRO, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Two things are deduced by well-informed quarters from the enemy onslaughts against Tobruk—first that the British garrison is worrying the Axis forces; secondly, that the enemy in this area does not dispose of the strength of men and material with which the British took Tobruk earlier in the war.

The latest Axis attack consisted of infantry of which 50 per cent. was German, whereas previously the Italians and Germans attacked separately.

British armoured patrols have taken the initiative in the area around Sollum which itself has become a sort of no man's land.

U.S. Action On Balkan Wars

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has officially proclaimed the existence of a state of war between Bulgaria on one hand and Yugoslavia and Greece on the other, thereby invoking the Neutrality Act restrictions against Bulgaria.

Recognition

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, declared to-day that the United States will continue to recognise the Yugoslav refugee government and its Minister, Dr. Constantin Fotich, in Washington.

Huge Nazi Supply Ship Sunk

Nieuwe Waterway Is Blocked: Works Hit
LONDON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—A supply ship of 16,000 tons was sunk one mile up the Nieuwe Waterway soon after dawn this morning, states the Air Ministry.

Two bombs were dropped from 25 feet and hit the ship; debris was thrown into the air and black smoke belched upwards.

The ship's crew, divided into the engine room, were also attacked with bombs and machine-gun fire, and a military camp on the Dutch coast was raked with fire.

Steel Works Bombed
The important iron and steel works at IJmuiden were attacked and a stick of bombs was seen to burst on the plant's furnaces.

Another stick fell on a line of buildings and another across a large storage tank for by-products.

Just before attacking, one of our aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire in both wings and the main oil pipe was damaged. One engine began to cut out and oil flooded into the aircraft.

The pilot decided that the gunners should have a chance to fire at the ship which had hit the aircraft. They flew low and silenced the enemy gun.

A stick of bombs was then dropped on a line of laden barges.

On the return journey, enemy troops were machine-gunned as they were taking cover on sand dunes. The aircraft returned safely to its base.

Honorary A.D.C.s.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following as his Honorary Aides-de-Camp, with effect from March 14—
Subadar-Major Mohamed Shah, H.K.S.R.A.; Subadar-Major Haidar Rehman, 2nd Bn, 14th Punjab Regiment; Mr. Wong Sik-kuen, Corps of Air Raid Wardens; Lieut. K. E. Young, 1st Bn, The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own); and Subadar Karnail Singh, H.K.S.R.A.

Rajputana Attacked At Dawn In North Atlantic

EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Twelve officers and 22 seamen—Canadian survivors of the armed merchant cruiser Rajputana, which was recently sunk by enemy action—have arrived in Canada.

Not A Convoy

The Maryland patrol had been extended and would continue to be extended from time to time. He emphatically declared that the patrol was not a convoy.

The President defined conveying as escorting merchantmen in a group to protect them from aggression. He defined patrol as reconnaissance of an area to find if there were any aggression of ships entering or approaching the Western Hemisphere.

President Roosevelt attacked American appeasers at the press conference, naming Colonel Lindbergh. He indicated that the United States Army had not recalled Colonel Lindbergh to active duty because of his views on the international situation.

No London Comment

LONDON, Apr. 25 (UP).—Official circles decline to comment on President Roosevelt's neutrality patrol announcement, but to the man in the street, it will mean that the conveying of the Atlantic lifeline is one step nearer. Official silence will probably continue because there is a reluctance to put any construction on the statement which might embarrass the President.

It is unofficially pointed out that if the President draws a 300 mile neutrality zone around Greenland, the United States naval patrols would be active on most of the North Atlantic shipping routes to England.

Willkie Calls For Action

To Stop Losses At Sea
PITTSBURGH, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—"It is no use speeding up production here if our supplies for over there are to rest at the bottom of the ocean," said Mr. Wendell Willkie, commenting on the speeches made by Mr. Cordell Hull and Colonel Frank Knox.

He added that it was time that the Administration gave us facts and then a lead instead of following public opinion.

It was necessary to protect these shipments by what naval and military experts consider to be the most effective methods.

Decision To Convey

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Two points emerge clearly from the speech by Colonel Knox, Secretary to the Navy, in the opinion of observers here. They are that the United States Navy will decide to convey material to Britain and that as far as Washington is concerned Russia is considered to be in the Axis camp because she is assisting Japan to become more menacing towards the United States in the Pacific.

Lemnos Island, Threatening Dardanelles, In Nazi Hands

ATHENS, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Following an ultimatum from the German forces which had previously occupied the island of Samothrace, 30 miles to the northeast, a German contingent of 5,000 to-day landed at Lemnos, the strategic Greek island near the entrance of the Dardanelles.

Dalton Weighs Effect Of British Blockade

LONDON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Deterioration in the quality of German armaments will result from a shortage of ferrous alloys in Germany, declared Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, to-night.

He said that the bombs with which Germany was killing people to-day were from stocks built up before the war.

He referred to the negotiations proceeding in Washington and said that when they were completed, there would be a still greater tightening of supplies which were getting through to enemy countries.

Mr. Dalton warned his audience that they could not look for a shortage of iron and steel because Germany had sources in the occupied territory and Sweden which would give her all she required.

It was idle to think that they could bring breadstuffs to Germany though there were already countless days and a shortage of fats.

As regards oil, Mr. Dalton said that German stocks are being eaten into. "Provided that certain conditions are satisfied, we can confidently say that Germany will be pinched for oil at no very distant date."

Those conditions are that Germany secures no new sources of supply; that German arms continue to use oil as they are now doing; that we continue to command the Eastern Mediterranean and that the R.A.F. continue to bomb the synthetic plants in Germany.

At present more than half of the German oil was coming from those plants. Only a very deluded person would think that the blockade, of itself would ever win the war but the blockade in co-operation and support of the armed forces would help to hasten victory.

FINANCIAL AID FOR CHINA

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (UP).—The Treasury Department announced that the Sino-American agreement will be signed at 5 p.m. to-day providing for the allocation by the United States of \$50,000,000 to stabilize the Chinese Yuan.

Mr. T. V. Soong had signed a \$5,000,000 stabilisation fund agreement as well as an extension of the \$5,000,000 credit for the same purpose.

Signature Made

Mr. Henry Morgenthau and Mr. T. V. Soong have signed the Stabilisation Fund agreement.

Britain Extends Aid

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (UP).—The British Embassy announced to-day that Sir Frederick Phillips and Mr. T. V. Soong had signed a \$5,000,000 stabilisation fund agreement as well as an extension of the \$5,000,000 credit for the same purpose.

The King's Exequatur

empowering Senor Don Alberto Perez Saez to act as Peruvian Consul-General at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

To Be Governor Of Gibraltar

A "United Press" message from London received in Hongkong this morning says that general Viscount Gort, formerly U-in-C of the B.E.F. in France, and at present Inspector-General of Military Training, has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, replacing Sir Clive Liddell.



Allied Line In Greece Unbroken Despite Severe German Pressure

CAIRO, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Despite very heavy fighting, the Empire forces in Greece are still holding an unbroken line against the advancing German hordes, according to reports received here to-night.

The situation of the Greek units who are still fighting is obscure but as far as is known, the British left flank has maintained contact with them.

Aid To Greece
WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (UP).—President Roosevelt said to-day that aid has been and will continue to be extended to Greece regardless of the "temporary outcome" of the war.

Minister Leaves Sofia
LONDON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—The Greek Minister, with the Legation staff of Sofia have left for Turkey, according to the official Italian news agency quoting a Sofia dispatch.

Yugo-Slav Troops Escape
CAIRO, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Yugo-Slav troops and planes have arrived in the Middle East to join the Allied forces in the fight against the Axis.

Colony's Finances

Comparative Accounts For January Issued

The Colony increased its assets in January, according to the financial statement released to-day, from \$22,804,344 at the beginning of the year to \$23,668,855 at the end of January.

Revenue in the month was \$6,302,591; expenditure was \$5,498,080. The revenue for 13 months ended January 31, 1941, was \$59,257,070, which was \$13,000,000 more than the corresponding preceding period.

Corresponding expenditure figures were \$52,979,355 and \$40,973,917. Returning to the revenue for last January, compared with January 1940, an increase of over \$200,000 was brought in by Fees of Court or Office, etc., water revenue was down \$130,000. Post Office was down \$40,000, and a new item War Revenue was represented by \$1,178,501.

Expenditure
On the expenditure side of last January's accounts, compared with the previous January, some \$30,000 more were spent on charitable services, \$50,000 more on the Medical Department, \$44,000 more on the Police Force, \$60,000 more on the P.W.D., \$200,000 more on the Waterworks. The public debt jumped from \$190,000 to nearly half a million. Pensions were up from \$247,267 to \$343,828.

War Expenditure at \$1,352,656, and Immigration Department \$35,000 were new items, while Public Works Expenditure rose from \$10,000 in January 1940 to \$3,730,268.

Churchill Broadcast

LONDON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill will be broadcast in the home and overseas programme at 8 p.m. G.M.T. on April 27.

Aussie Troops in Malaya Make A Fine Impression

By ARTHUR MENKEN
Special to the "Telegraph"

WITH THE AUSTRALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN MALAYA, Apr. 25 (UP).—After placing a wreath on Kuala Lumpur's memorial to-day, Major Gordon Bennett, General Officer Commanding, reminisced with the press regarding the landing on Gallipoli Peninsula during the last war. He declared that "while instructing the troops at Gallipoli, they said 'tell us what to do and we will do it.' This is the same spirit in the hearts of the present day Australian troops," he declared.

When questioned regarding the possibility of an invasion of Malaya, the General said, "Germany is the main enemy which must be defeated. It is not the start of the fight that counts, but the last round. Gallipoli was a soldier's battle. The organisation was broken up, therefore the men's courage and determination became predominant factors, making it possible to hold their own. This spirit prevails among the Australians to-day."

The General asserted that the men's health was better here than at home. "I got hungry watching the Aussies eating luscious food and therefore joined them."

To-day's Anzac parade was witnessed by farmers and planters from the entire country who were filled with admiration as the Diggers marched past the war memorial. The troops were reviewed by General Gordon-Bennett, Lieutenant-General Bond, General Officer in Command, Malaya, the Sultan of Selangor and the British residents of Kuala Lumpur.

Australian officers asserted that the Australians are becoming very proficient in jungle manoeuvres.

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G.P.O.
 Reg. May 5, 5 p
 Ord. May 5, 7 p

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange office
 market issued yesterday says:
 The market has eased and deals a
 subject to negotiation.
 The closing done during the week
 Banks \$1,340;
 On Ins: \$425.
 Fire Ins: \$187;
 Surveys \$85½;
 Mills \$2.90;
 Employs \$6.70.
 Ins \$16.
 Rts 50cts, 40cts.
 Rts "O" \$5.90.
 Rts \$14¼, 14¼.
 e Crawfords 77½.
 Powells 31½.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$70.
 -Chinus (Pref) \$80.
 l \$2.80.
 Ins "O" \$5.75.
 no Electrics X.D. \$17.
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Banks \$1,340.
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G. J., \$25; Carey, \$25; Douglas Hing
Ang, \$25; Wong, \$25; Chan, \$25; Chan
Wong, \$5; Miss Alice Kwok, \$5.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Hongkong
P.C.A. acknowledges with thanks
the following donations from Mr. D. Benson,
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Blood Donors

Satisfactory Response To Recent Appeal

The Director of Medical Services announces that such a satisfactory response has been received to the appeal for blood donors recently published in these columns, that a larger waiting list has been prepared and further offers can be accepted with little notice. The staff available to man this new service is necessarily limited, and their hands are full taking blood from donors and preparing the wet plasma. Those wishing to make this valuable contribution in the interests of the community should not be discouraged by the account of the waiting list, it is stated. A further public notice will appear as soon as the present waiting list of donors has been reduced to reasonable proportions.

Cardinals may recall that over 10,000 volunteer donors came forward in the north-western district of London alone last year.

STOCK EXCHANGE

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LONDON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the market continued to be cheerful but without any early improvements in gilt-edged securities were not wholly maintained. The leading oil stocks and certain dividend-paying Kaffirs met some support but industrials were quiet though they were generally firmly held. Egyptian bonds unfixed and improved but Portuguese bonds receded a fraction. The City of London and the Wall Street was steady.

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the lawn bowls match against the

the Mess-Lawn Bowls. Members of the Mess-Lawn Bowls will be playing a match against the Cricket Club on May 4. The match will be played at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

SINGING DETACHMENT.

P. Lecture—Fri. May 2. A.R.P. p.m. Transport leaves Queen's P.M.

Directors—Will all members who have not yet returned their respirators to G.O. please make arrangements to do so at once.

Training—Mrs D. M. Begdon (A.I.).

Grain Increase—Mrs P. N. C. (2144).

Gun Casualties—The M.C.

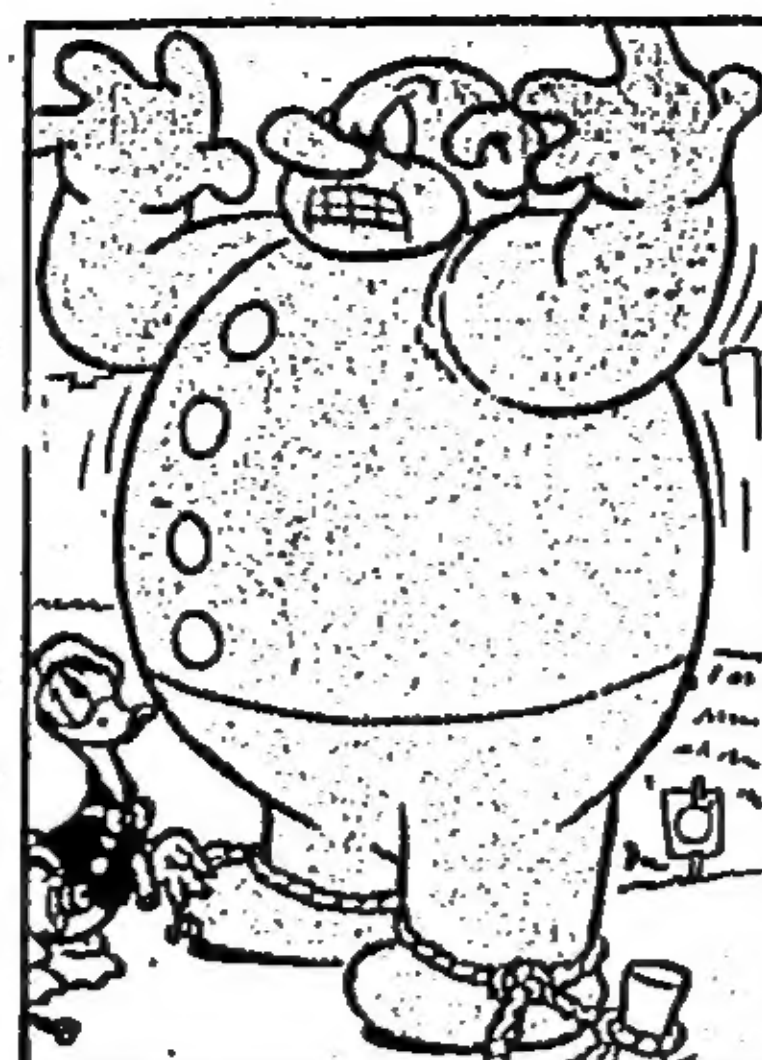
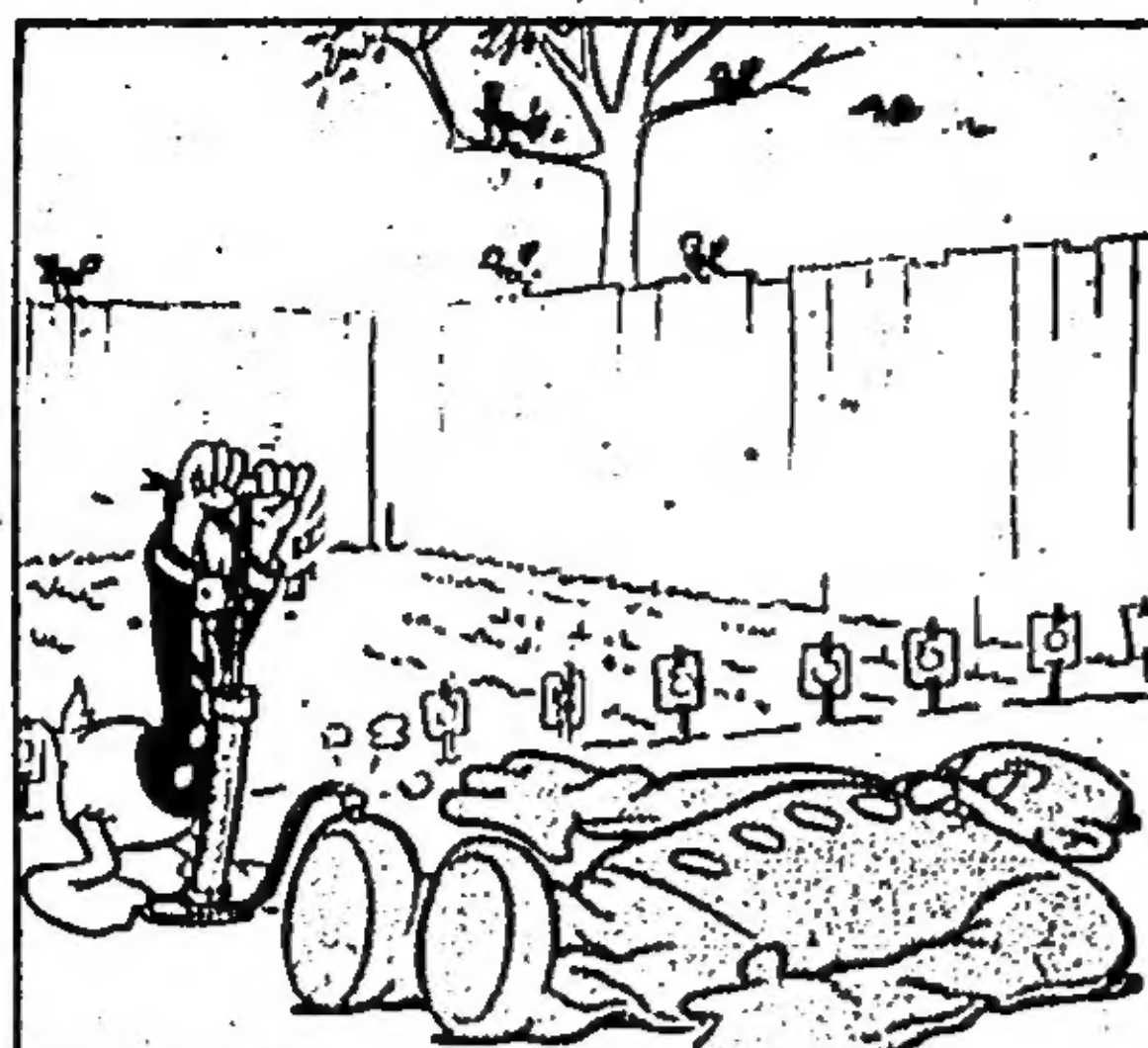
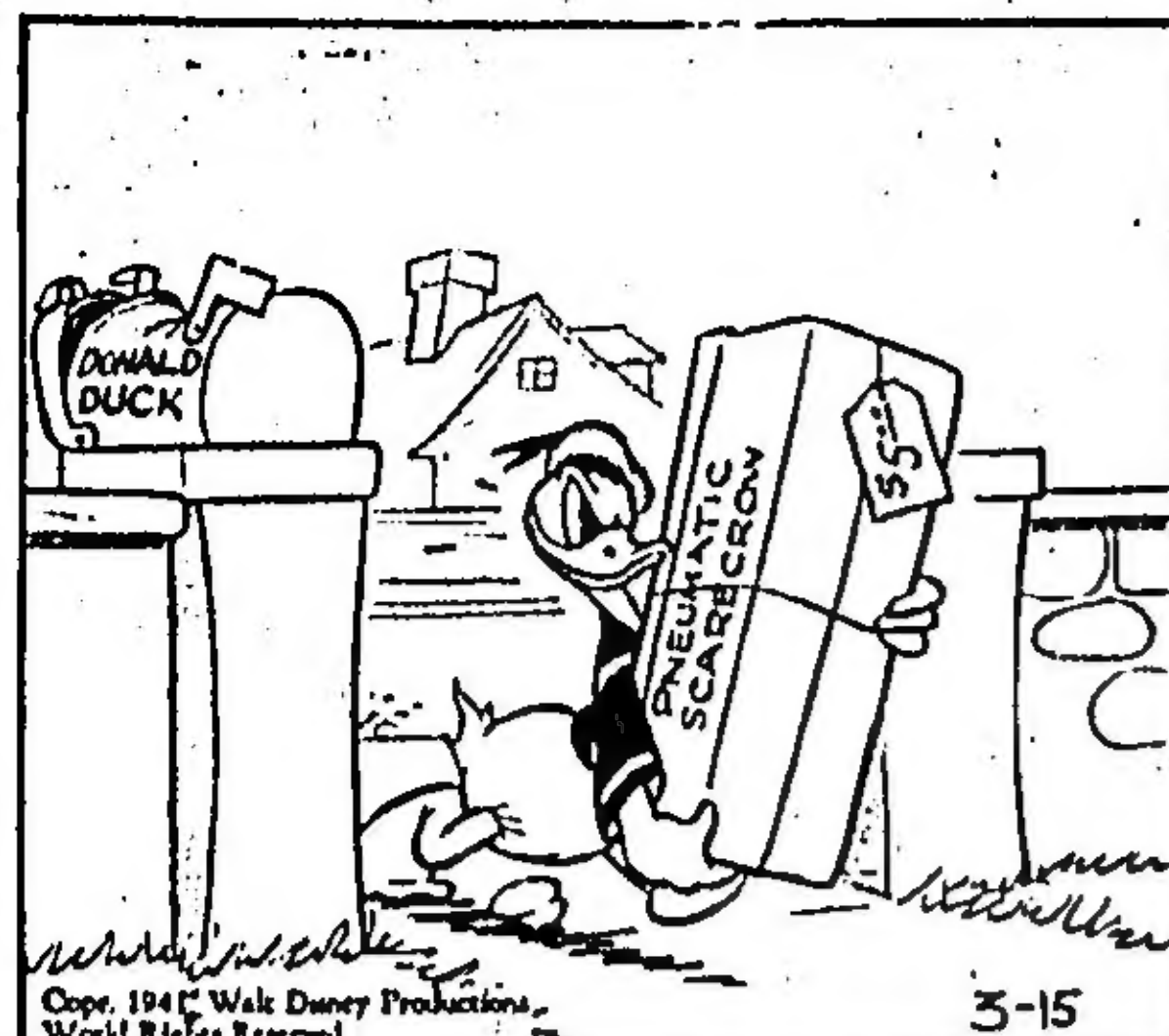
Gun Casuals—The M.G. will fire the A.M. G.C. on Kow-Ranges at 9 a.m. on Sunday No. 1 Company and No. 2 Com-Range. Range Officers Lt. G. on, No. 3 Company, No. 4 Com-

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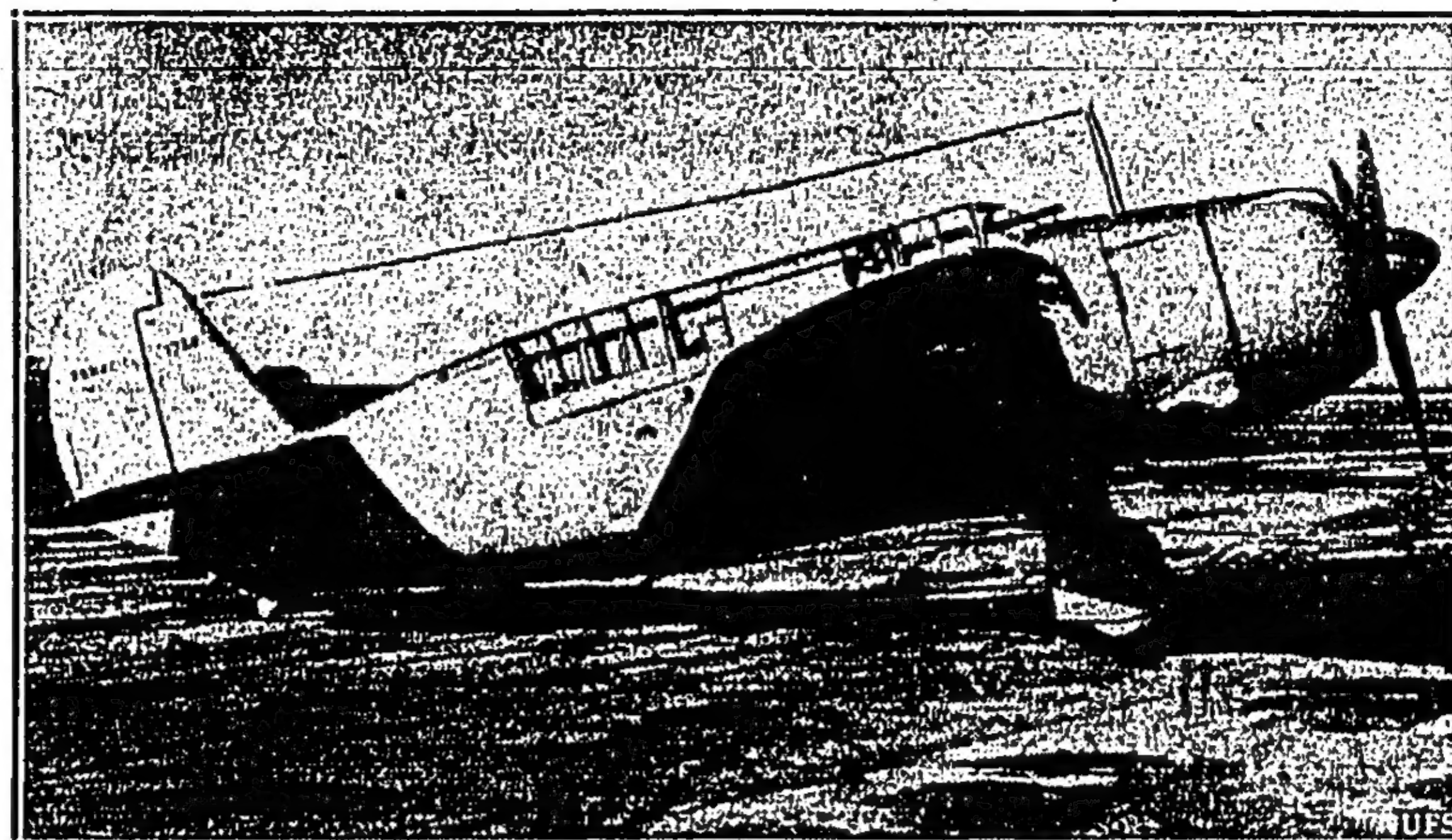
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Many Hundred Americans Join Royal Air Force

More than 500 fliers, drawn from a growing American reservoir of civilian pilots, have enlisted in the Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force since mid-July last year.

More than 400 are flying instructors in Canada. About 40 are ferrying England-bound bombing planes across the Atlantic Ocean. About 80 are transferring British-made planes from factories to aerodromes.

A few have joined the "Eagle Squadron," the American fighting unit.

The full story of the American volunteer fliers became available for the first time as the Clayton Knight Committee, established last summer to handle applications, sifted through 3,000 applications in New York.

Given Tests

At a half-dozen points in the United States, applicants are given physical and flying tests before being sent to Canadian authorities for service in the Dominion, in England, or in ferrying work.

The examination points are adjacent to Dallas, Chicago, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Oakland and New York.

Enlistees are accepted from neither the air-line nor the United States armed services.

"No flier needed in this country is being accepted," said an official. Only one of five applicants has proved capable enough for acceptance. The Committee hopes to obtain about 600 additional pilots.

Safety Records

The safety records of the men now in service have been extraordinarily good. Two Americans have lost their lives in crashes in Canada. One was killed in England. Atlantic crossings in Lockheed and Consolidated land bombers and Consolidated patrol bomber flying boats have been without incident.

Given temporary commissions without loss of American citizenship, they have had to learn to fly not only single-engine light planes and multi-engine trainers but—in the case of Americans in England—Hurricane and Spitfire fighters and bombers such as the Blenheim.

All candidates accepted are required to have a minimum of 300 hours aloft.

War Displaces Aldershot

No Longer Chief Command
Because of war-time changes in the concentrations of troops throughout Britain, the Aldershot Command has lost its pre-war status as the most important of the six commands.

It is no longer the home of the spearhead troops of the British Army. It is now commanded by a major-general, while the Eastern, Southern, Northern, Western and Scottish Commands all have commanders who are either lieutenant-generals or generals. For many years Aldershot has accommodated more troops than any other centre in the United Kingdom. Several of its commanders have either been appointed to the position of Chief of the Imperial General Staff or have achieved other high rank.

GERMANS EXECUTE 100,000

On the grounds that they are "a burden to the community" the Nazis have executed 100,000 insane people in Germany.

This is reported by the Geneva correspondent of the National Catholic Welfare Committee.

The Nazis carried out their first "experiment" with their victims in specially built shacks in the Wurtemberg town of Grafenau.

The people were taken from their institutions in buses, the windows of which were painted black so that the passengers could not be seen.

They were then locked up in the shacks, into which poison gases were released.

Several centres of this kind have been set up in Germany.

Political Ground For Divorce

Col. Halvor Hansen, divisional chief of Kristiansand, whose wife is the leader of the Norwegian Nazi women, has been arrested because he refused to declare his loyalty to Quisling.

Mrs. Hansen, on the other hand, is an enthusiastic Quisling follower.

A divorce between the couple is likely in accordance with the Norwegian divorce statutes, which are being altered to facilitate decrees nisi for couples, with divergent political views, the "Daily Telegraph."

Many petitions have already been filed on the ground of political incompatibility.

French Hopes For Our Victory

According to French sources in New York, a letter received in America from a cousin of Laval quotes Laval as saying that he recognises that 80 per cent of the French people hope for a British victory.

Laval, apparently, does not share the same view, because he told his cousin that he knew he would be hanged if Britain won, but that he did not greatly fear that this would happen to him.

Highest Birth Rate In Decade

THE marriage rate in Britain during the second quarter of 1940—at 22.5 per 1,000 population—was the highest for a June quarter since 1920.

Total marriages at 116,134 were an increase of more than 13,000 over those for the same quarter in 1939 or 1938.

There were more births, too, in England and Wales.

Live births at 166,537, were an increase of 2,231 over the June quarter of 1939, and the highest for the quarter since 1930.

Highest Since 1931

With 154,336 births for the first quarter, they total 320,873 births for the first half of the year, the highest for that period since 1931.

There were 48,482 more births registered than deaths. The corresponding increase in the second quarter of 1939 was 43,777.

Civilian deaths registered in the second quarter of 1940 totalled 118,955—30,294 below those in the first three months of the year and 2,474 fewer than in the corresponding quarter of 1939.

Autogiro To Resist Submarines

Development of an autogiro designed for protecting ships against submarines and capable of carrying heavy loads of depth charges was announced recently by the Pitcairn Autogiro Company of Pennsylvania.

An executive said plans for the 'giro had been offered to the U.S. Navy following demonstrations of a lighter model before naval officers at Bolling Field, Washington, and other places. The company already has developed a plane which can take off or land vertically on a space no larger than the deck of a ship.

Long Range

"But we did not feel this was large enough," said the executive. "Our new 'giro' weighs 4,200 pounds and is capable of long-range cruising, possibly five or six hours."

The Pitcairn Company is engaged in building a number of smaller autogiros for the British Government.

EUROPEAN YMCA ADC PRESENTS

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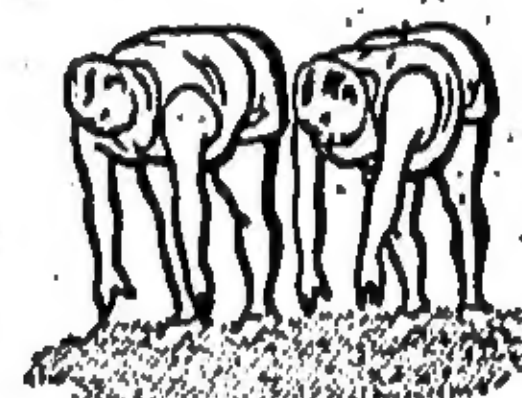
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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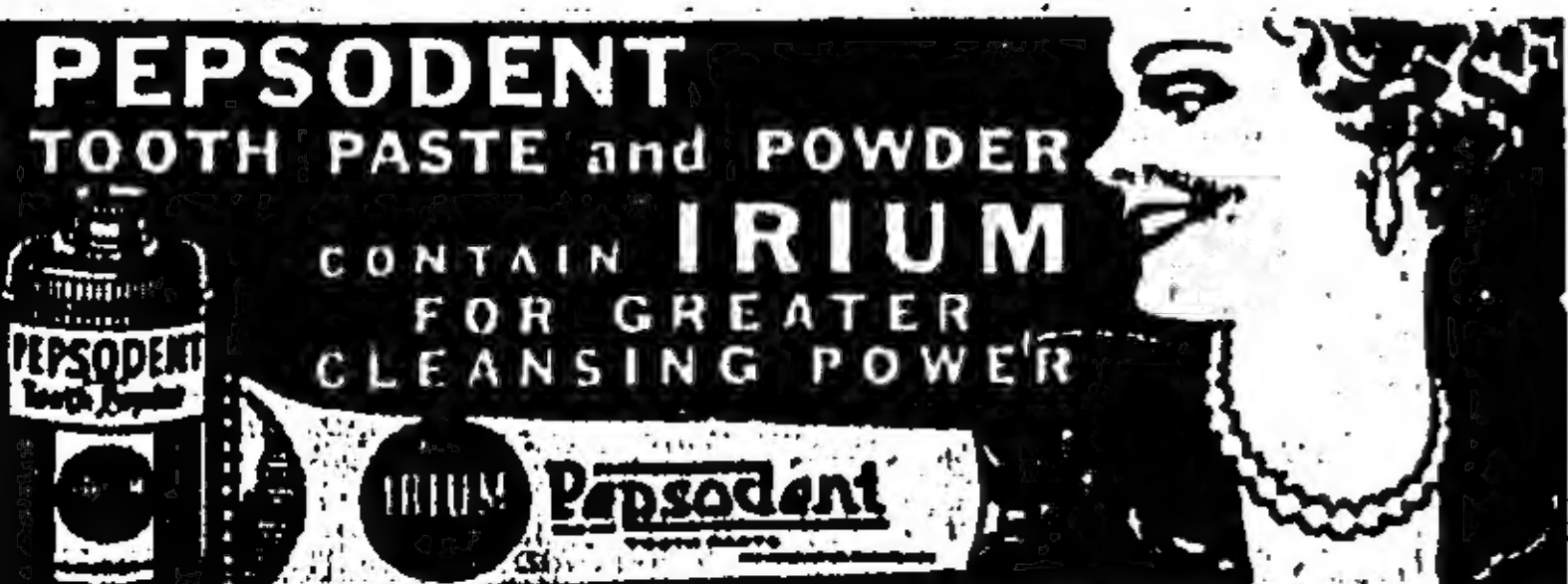
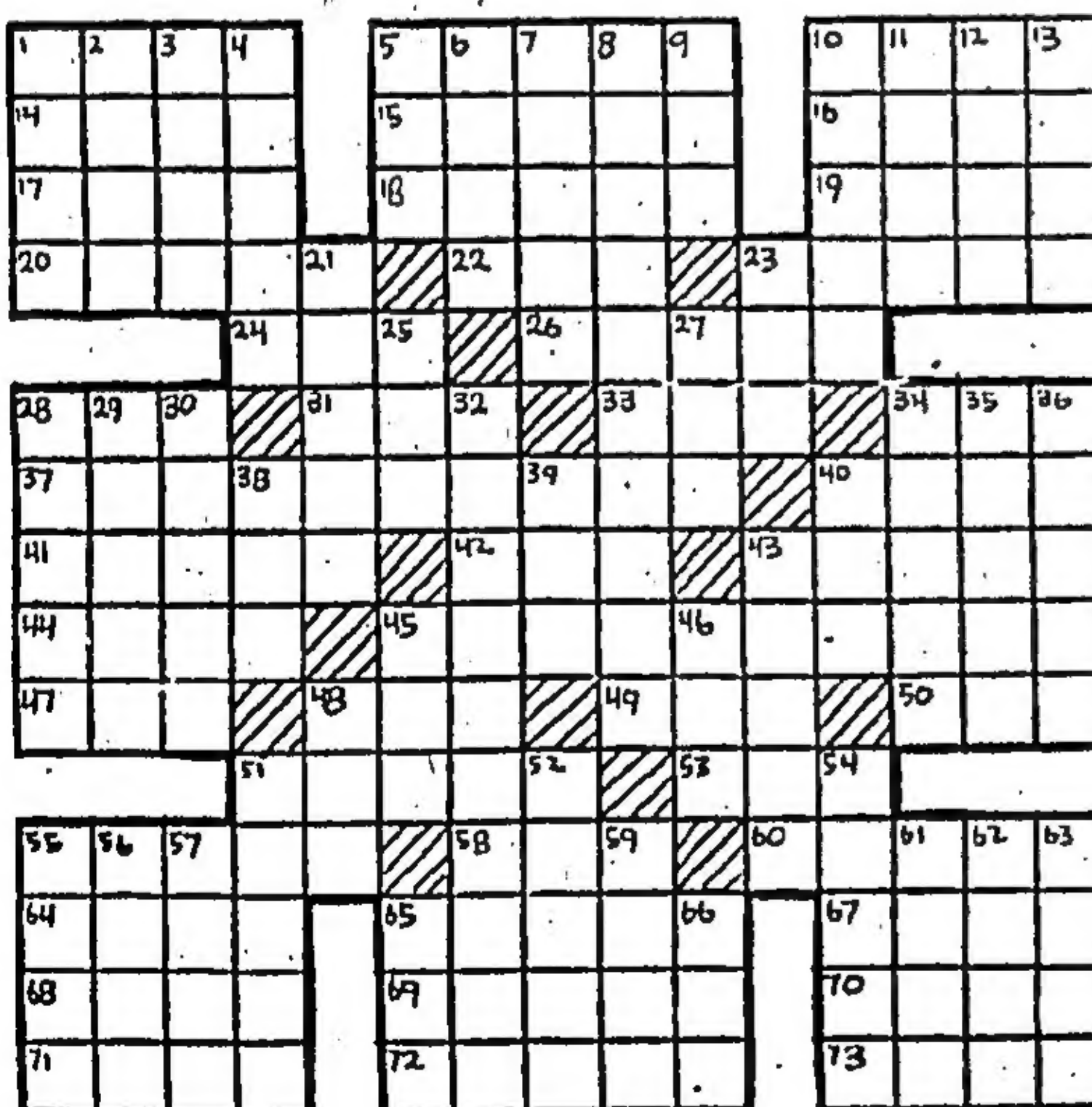
- 1—Rough cut
- 2—Classically
- 3—Doll's beauty
- 4—Butter substitute
- 5—Eyes of foot
- 6—Studs carefully
- 7—Mail and hope
- 8—Average
- 9—Run away
- 10—Girl's name
- 11—Intelligence
- 12—Female sheep
- 13—Worms
- 14—Yale
- 15—Tropic
- 16—Arabian name
- 17—Viper
- 18—Dilemma
- 19—Old English rent
- 20—Promoter of sanitary reform
- 21—Hoiter
- 22—Instant
- 23—Sea eagle
- 24—Treated to wine
- 25—City of bacchanals
- 26—Wearing beauty
- 27—Hurried
- 28—Always (poetic)
- 29—Heating ore
- 30—Religious songs
- 31—Opposite fabric
- 32—Coincidence
- 33—Paper office
- 34—Amount owed
- 35—Entrance
- 36—Jeweled headress
- 37—Speed of movement
- 38—Is

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

39—Observe
40—Narrative
41—Declares
42—Hearts
43—Compass point
44—Derm
45—Faded
46—Therefore
47—Put on garment
48—Make happy
49—Fruit drink
50—Miss's name
51—Electrical particle
52—Bird-like owner
53—Young insect
54—Point used in measuring distance
55—Acceleration
56—Spanish dance
57—Turkish noble
58—Collier's boy
59—Frothy water
60—Internal Revenue Office (abbr.)
61—Chinese river
62—Fitted with wires
63—Total
64—Know (Scottish)
65—Grain
66—Precursor of Jesus
67—Dunes
68—Lukewarm
69—Mine entrance
70—Departed
71—Repetition
72—Oasis
73—Voice
74—Holy image
75—Canvas house
76—Two (Scottish)
77—Combining form, air

DOWN

- 1—Dollars (slang)
- 2—To sheltered side
- 3—Observed
- 4—Deaf of burden



"Pure And Simple"

Good Show For A Good Cause

Rather self-consciously the V.A.D. revue, "Pure and Simple," appeared before a three-quarter house at the China-Fleet Club Theatre last night, the first of two performances for the general public. The second is to-night.

It was rather a remarkable effort. Occasionally the show wavered and sagged but each time it recovered brilliantly and it finished by carrying the audience away in a spontaneous outburst of singing and applause.

The programme selected by Tim Forrester and Charles Gilmore, the producers, was quite ambitious. To carry it out they had a most attractive chorus of girls, most of them new to the job but very comely to the eye. If they could not believe they were good and show more confidence—and give a few smiles at the beginning as well as at the end—they would do even better than they did last night.

Incidentally, a little more appreciation from the front rows would help the girls along.

There are two elaborate sketches put over by an all-female cast assisted by Ted Bannister. "Postal Orders" is excellent and the dialogue is very well done.

Local Topics
Local topics get timely treatment in a broadcast by Lord Haw-Haw, "Mistreating Angels" and "Air Raid Precautions"—but you must steel yourself for the pun.

Of course Freddie Archer and Bill Shaw brought tumultuous applause for their songs at the piano with "requests." It is doubtful however, whether those at the back of the theatre who showed most appreciation, could hear their crooning harmony as plainly as they would have liked. I couldn't hear the name of one of their numbers from ten yards away!

"Memories of the Old 'Nineties'" stands by itself. Maude Deacon flashed a daring glimmer at Jack Grenham and the two carefree souls had the whole house with them in some old-fashioned dance that caught the youngsters napping.

A Few Suggestions
Critics always think they can make suggestions and the few that occur are:—Water may not be a good substitute for vodka, but it looks more convincing; a little bonhomie in the announcements between items helps things along; the Russian drama should be even slower; everybody should let themselves go like Eve Gray and speak up like Jess Graham Barrow.

The revue was enjoyable because its lapses were adequately compensated for; the artists' mugging and appearance for the first time showed talent and with encouragement will do better; and finally, the cause—for bombed areas in England is one to be supported.—G.

New Defence Areas Named This Morning

Further premises as described in the following schedule are hereby declared to be protected places for the purposes of the Defence Regulations.

Permission to enter or be in any premises to which this order applies may be given only by His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops in China or a person deputed by him.

(I.) The whole land area to the north and north-eastward of the path leading from Tyeen Gap to Pottinger Gap and on to Big Wave Bay and bounded on the north by Sai Wan Cemetery and the coastline from Sai Wan to Cape Collinson but excluding the villages of Sai Wan and Little Sai Wan, on the east by the coastline from Cape Collinson to the north-eastern arm of Big Wave Bay, and on the west and north-west by Island Road.

(II.) The land area comprising the whole of D'Almeida Peninsula south of a line running east and west through the road junction at Windy Gap.

(III.) That part of Chung Am Kok Peninsula bounded on the west by West Bay, on the north by the ridge between South Bay and West Bay, on the east by a line running 100 yards to the east of the military road prolonged at its easternmost point to Stanley Bay, and on the south by the sea.

(IV.) The whole of Brick Hill Peninsula including the whole of the military road and bounded on the north by Island Road and the military road prolonged at its westernmost point to the sea, on the west and south by Aberdeen Channel, and on the east by Deep Water Bay.

(V.) That portion of the Deep Water Bay motor road near Little Hongkong north-east of Shouson Hill running approximately north-east and south-west and lying between two notice boards marked "Protected Place"; and all the land within 50 yards on either side of that portion of the road.

DEFENCE POWERS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Legislation to give President Roosevelt vastly broadened powers to establish priorities and ration supplies for defence purposes or aid to Britain was introduced to-day by Mr. Carl Vinson, Representative for Georgia, at the request of the Administration.

SIMLA, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Cadets now being trained as officers of the Indian Army were inspected by the Commander-in-Chief, Lieut. General Sir Claude Auchinleck.



CHEERS FOR QUEEN—Exiled Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands visits a Dutch war-ship completed at an English port and receives cheers. The unfinished ship was sent across the English Channel by night when the Nazis invaded Holland.

AIMS OF FRENCH NAZI PARTY

Further details have now reached London of the Rassemblement National Populaire, the pro-German political party in Paris.

It is obviously intended to be a counterpart of the organisations started under Nazi patronage in Scandinavia and Holland, writes E. B. Wareing in the "Daily Telegraph." These have all been complete failures, so much so that members no longer wear the uniforms provided for them.

The Rassemblement National Populaire has rented a house near the Gare St. Lazare and opened a register there for adherents to sign. Its leaders are: Jean Goy, who has played a prominent part in an ex-servicemen's association. The Germans paid flattering attention to these and M. Goy was induced to visit Berlin.

Marcel Dret, the social revolutionary leader, German agent in Paris, and editor of the "L'Europe"; Jean Fontenay, editor of the German-controlled La France au Travail; M. Pierre Cathala, a former Minister under Laval; M. Roy, of the Metal Workers' Union.

Laval Holding Back
A curious absence from this list is Jacques Doriot, the former Communist and follower of Laval. This is not due to his disinclination to play the German game. He probably realises that this artificial organisation will fail. M. Laval is also adopting a policy of wait and see.

The movement's programme contains the following points: Participation of France in European affairs "in free co-operation with Germany"; Creation of a strong national State and defence of the French Empire to the exclusion of all international influences; Restoration of authority, morality and family life, and "the protection of the race," by which anti-Semitism is presumably meant; The organisation of "State-protected Unions"; Directed economy, balancing wages against cost of living; A new currency based on units of labour.

The programme also contains other Nazi features such as "the elimination of the proletariat and of capitalism."

Total Victory Britain Is Braced To Hear Bad News

LONDON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—"The Germans are swarming like flies over the fair body of Europe. One day there shall be a great cleaning," declared Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, in a speech in London to-day.

He declared that bad news, bluntly told, faces the British. "Britain, being her incomparable Prime Minister, stands united. We mean to see this thing through to the end and the only end for us is total victory. We are greatly sustained by the moral and material aid from the United States. When properly equipped, we will bear down on all the evil forces arrayed against us."

Fixed Milk Prices

Mr D. L. Newbigging, Controller of Food, announces the maximum prices for the following articles of food shall, until further notice, be as follows:—**Evaporated Unsweetened Milk**—"Wonder", cases of 48 tins of 14½ oz. \$15.12 per case. "Wonder", 14½ oz. tins \$ 0.32 per tin.

Sweetened Full Cream Condensed Milk—"Wonder", cases of 48 tins of 14½ oz. \$22.07 per case. "Wonder", 14½ oz. tins \$ 0.49 per tin.

Mr J. D. McClatchie has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the General Group for Essential Services.

LETTERS

Chinese And Bomber Fund
The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.
Sir,—Reference to the letter of "Police Sergeant" which appeared in to-day's issue of your paper.

As the part played by the local Chinese community in connection with the making of contributions to assist Britain's war effort is one over which there is not the slightest cause to enthuse, it is felt that the time has now come to call upon the Honourable Representatives of the Chinese community to bestir themselves and get down to a little honest-to-goodness hard work.

It is felt that if the Honourable Representatives of the Chinese community will only do their duty as community representatives and set about organizing a sustained radio, Chinese press and poster campaign, in addition to making public appeals to persons to their compatriots in every nook and corner of this Colony, the "Morning Post Bomber Fund" would benefit to no mean extent.

In conclusion, I believe that it would be pardonable to take this opportunity of reminding the Honourable Representatives of the Chinese community that they have on more than one occasion since the start of the war, pledged their loyalty and that of the Chinese community to Government. If there is any intention of honouring this pledge of loyalty, it is submitted that there is no time like the present. So what about it, Honourable Chinese representatives?

Y. K. CHAN.

Rice Shortage In Chungking Situation Acute

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Apr. 25 (UP).—There has been a considerable rice shortage in Chungking during the past few days resulting in the formation of queues at the official rice shops throughout the city.

Mayor K. C. Wu, in an interview last night, admitted the shortage and said that he had negotiated with the National Food Administration for the immediate transportation of considerable quantities to Chungking. He promised that the shortage would be ended within three days.

He asserted that Chungking required 1,350 piculs of rice daily. The official price to-night was N.C.46.5 cents per picul. The prices in independent shops have risen markedly during the past month and shot up during the past three days from about 60 to nearly 90 cents per picul.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr F. Buckle, M. I. Marine E., has been appointed to act as Principal of the Trade and Technical Schools. Mr C. G. Tresidder, A. Man. C. T., has been appointed to act as Chief Instructor at the Trade School with effect from April 24 until further notice.

Mr D. Kempton has been appointed to be an Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force with effect from April 5.

The wedding took place at St John's Cathedral yesterday evening of Mr Robin Hervey Blake and Miss Phyllis Mary Haslam. The Rev. Cyril Brown officiated, and Mr J. R. M. Smith was at the organ.

Mr D. CLARK Death Of Old Partner Of Lane, Crawford

News has been received in Hongkong of the death at Home of Mr Duncan Clark, a former resident of the Colony. He was the sole surviving partner of Lane, Crawford and Company, as the firm was known some years ago before it became a limited company.

Mr Clark was born in 1865, and came to Hongkong in 1890 as accountant to Lane, Crawford, and was admitted as a partner in 1901. He married the second daughter of the late Mr D. R. Crawford.

In 1902 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace, and in 1903 became a permanent Visiting Justice to the Po Leung Kuk (Women's and Girls' Protection Society). He was also a member of the finance committee of the late Mr. Memorial Hospital. Mr Clark retired some years ago.

DARLAN RETURNS FROM PARIS Shunned By Germans

VICHY, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan returned here to-day after a 25 hours' stay in Paris during which he saw Count de Frinon, the Vichy Ambassador in Paris, but not Herr Abetz, the Nazi Minister in that city, which was the real purpose of his visit.

According to German Foreign Office officials in Berlin, Admiral Darlan's visit to Paris was "of little news value." They declined to say whether Herr Abetz is in Paris.

LATE NEWS

Night Soil Removal By-Laws Amended

In preparation for the taking over of the removal of nightsoil as from May 1, the Urban Council has notified the following amendments to the by-laws under Schedule A to the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance of 1935, with effect from May 1. The amendments were approved by the Legislative Council on April 24.

By-law 2 (1) is rescinded and the following by-law is substituted therefor: "The Council shall provide a departmental service or employ contractors for the removal of excremental matter from all buildings (where not fitted with water closets) in the following districts: (a) The Island of Hongkong; (b) The Island of Apichau; (c) Kowloon and that portion of New Kowloon lying to the west of a line drawn from a point on the sea-shore 200 yards east of the village of Ngau Tau Kok due north to the northern boundary of New Kowloon."

The following paragraph is added after law 7 (2): "Any person other than a servant of a conservancy contractor to the Urban Council or a servant of the Sanitary Department who conveys or causes to be conveyed along any street or public place or upon the waters of the Colony any excremental matter, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and to confiscation of all gear, cart, carriage, receptacle or vessel used for any such purpose."

Anzac Day In London

LONDON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—The Anzac Day luncheon held in Overseas House in London to-day was a function which reflected a drama of events on the anniversary of Gallipoli in the same corner of Europe to-day.

Mr R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister of Australia, said that this was a day of "great anxiety" which did not spell fear, weakness, hesitation or even replinings.

The Greek Minister in London, Mr Simopoulos, said that the King, the Government and the people, faced with the alternative of surrendering their liberties or defending them, had resisted.

Field Marshal Lord Milne, president. He disclosed that his own son was at present somewhere in Greece.

Soviet-Japan Neutrality

LONDON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—The Emperor of Japan to-day ratified the pact of neutrality between Soviet Russia and Japan and approved the relative declaration signed in Moscow by the plenipotentiaries of both Powers, according to the Moscow radio.

On the Soviet side, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. has ratified the pact in Moscow, the announcer added.

The pact comes into force as from to-day.

Idle Foreign Shipping In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—The Merchant Marine Committee of the House of Representatives has approved a Bill authorising President Roosevelt to seize and use foreign ships lying idle in United States ports.

It is understood that the language of the Bill is tantamount to a permit for handling such ships to Britain if desired.

British Missionary Sent To Prison By Japanese Military

PEIPING, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Mr David Davis, a British missionary arrested in Shanxi province last September and held in confinement since, has been sentenced to four years' imprisonment by a Japanese Military Court.

This is revealed in reply to inquiries by the British Embassy authorities by the Japanese Embassy who, however, professed ignorance of the charges and other details.

To Quit Hongkong Defence Reserve

The following persons have been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve, according to the "Government Gazette" to-day:—Mr E. R. Butler, with effect from April 1.

Mr H. L. N. Ascough, with effect from April 15.
Mr A. V. Lyen and Mr F. F. Martin, with effect from April 23.

Communal Rioting

BOMBAY, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—The curfew has been imposed at Ahmedabad between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. as a consequence of communal rioting.

The Governor of Bombay, Sir R. Lumley, has warned citizens that the strongest action will follow further breaches of the peace.

COLONY'S FIRST QUARTER TRADE

The Imports and Exports Department (Statistical Branch) reports that the combined values of imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the first quarter of 1941, totalled \$325.0 millions (\$20.1 millions) as compared with \$350.5 millions (\$21.6 millions) in the corresponding period of 1940.

The total visible trade of the Colony decreased by 7.3 per cent. in the first quarter of 1941 as compared with the first quarter of 1940 in terms of local currency, and by 6.9 per cent. in terms of sterling.

Imports of merchandise totalled \$183.9 millions (\$11.4 millions) in the first quarter of 1941 as compared with \$198.3 millions (\$12.2 millions) in the corresponding period of 1940, and exports \$141.1 millions (\$8.7 millions) as compared with \$152.2 millions (\$9.4 millions).

In terms of local currency imports decreased by 7.3 per cent. and exports by 7.3 per cent. In terms of sterling imports decreased by 6.6 per cent. and exports by 7.4 per cent.

During the twelve months period ended March 31, 1941, the total visible trade of the Colony amounted to a value of \$1,349.2 millions (\$83.6 millions) as compared with \$1,232.0 millions (\$75.8 millions) during the twelve months period ended March 31, 1940. Imports totalled \$738.6 millions (\$45.7 millions) as compared with \$607.0 millions (\$41.0 millions); and exports \$610.7 millions (\$37.8 millions) as compared with \$625.0 millions (\$34.8 millions).

Imports increased by 10.7 per cent. in terms of local currency and by 11.5 per cent. in terms of sterling; whilst exports increased by 6.1 per cent. in terms of local currency and by 8.6 per cent. in terms of sterling.

The following table shows the quarterly values of imports and exports of merchandise since 1930 in £'s and \$'s millions:

Poppy Day Appeal
Mr F. G. Maunders, Secretary in Hongkong of Earl Haig's Fund, has received the following letter from Captain W. G. Wilcox, Organising Secretary of the British Legion Poppy Day Appeal:

"I now beg to acknowledge with very sincere thanks receipt, through the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London, of cheque to the value of £350, for which I attach herewith our official receipt K.108, and which, together with the sum of £1,200 received in November last, makes a total of £1,550 which I am presuming represents the truly magnificent and record result of your 1940 Remembrance Day Appeal and sale of Poppies in Hongkong and Districts for the benefit of Haig's Fund, and I give you my assurance that it is a most welcome and valuable addition to our funds."

Golf Ball Raffle At Kowloon G. C.
The following tickets won prizes in the recent raffle in aid of the Bomber Fund, held by the Kowloon Golf Club, Nos 3; 17; 140; 156; 173; 219; 238; 369; 413; 418.

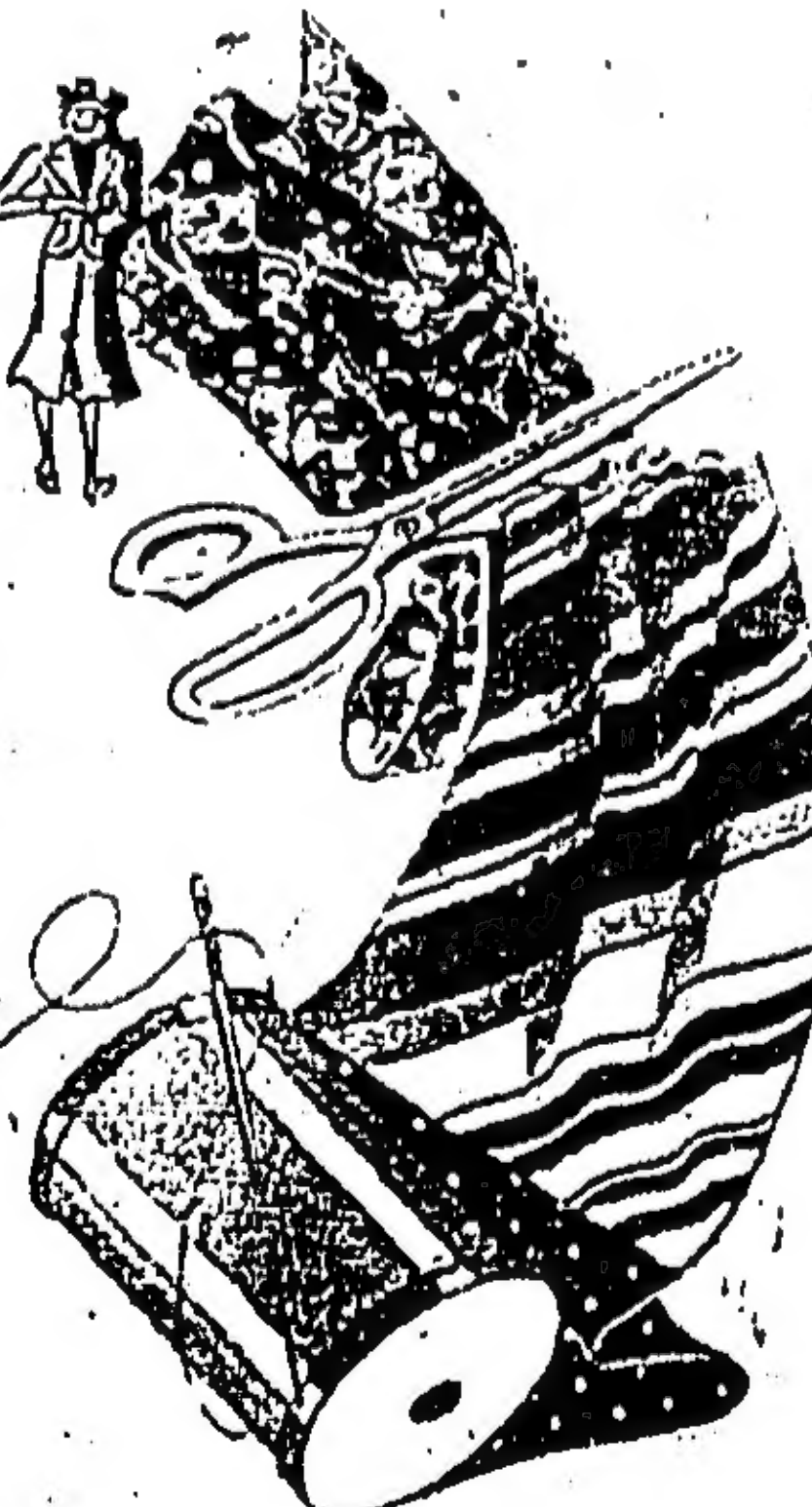
Holders of winning tickets should get in touch with the Hon. Secretary of the Club. The prize in each case is a box of balls.

Boys' And Girls' Clubs Meet

The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association will hold their annual inter-Club athletic meeting on the South China Athletic Association ground, Caroline Hill to-day commencing at 11 a.m. and terminating at 5.30 p.m. Lady MacGregor, wife of the Chief Justice, will present the prizes.


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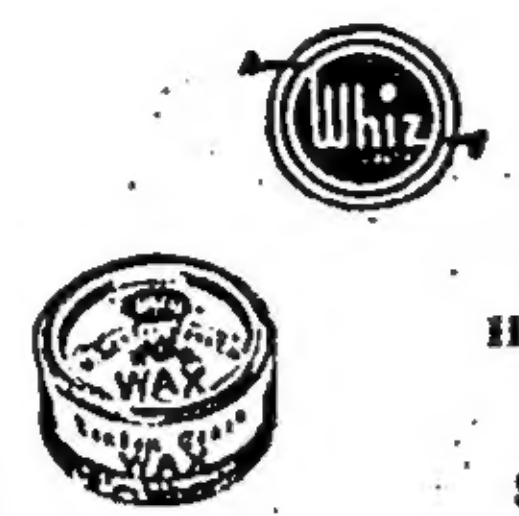
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Mr. D. S. Edward returns thanks for the many kind messages of sympathy and condolence received in his recent bereavement.

DEATH

XAVIER MOTTA.—On April 26, 1941, at her residence, No. 1 Broadwood Road, Bellarmine C. Xavier Motta, mother of H. M. Xavier, P. N. Xavier and Eulalia Marques. Funeral will pass Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph

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THE ATLANTIC HIGHWAY

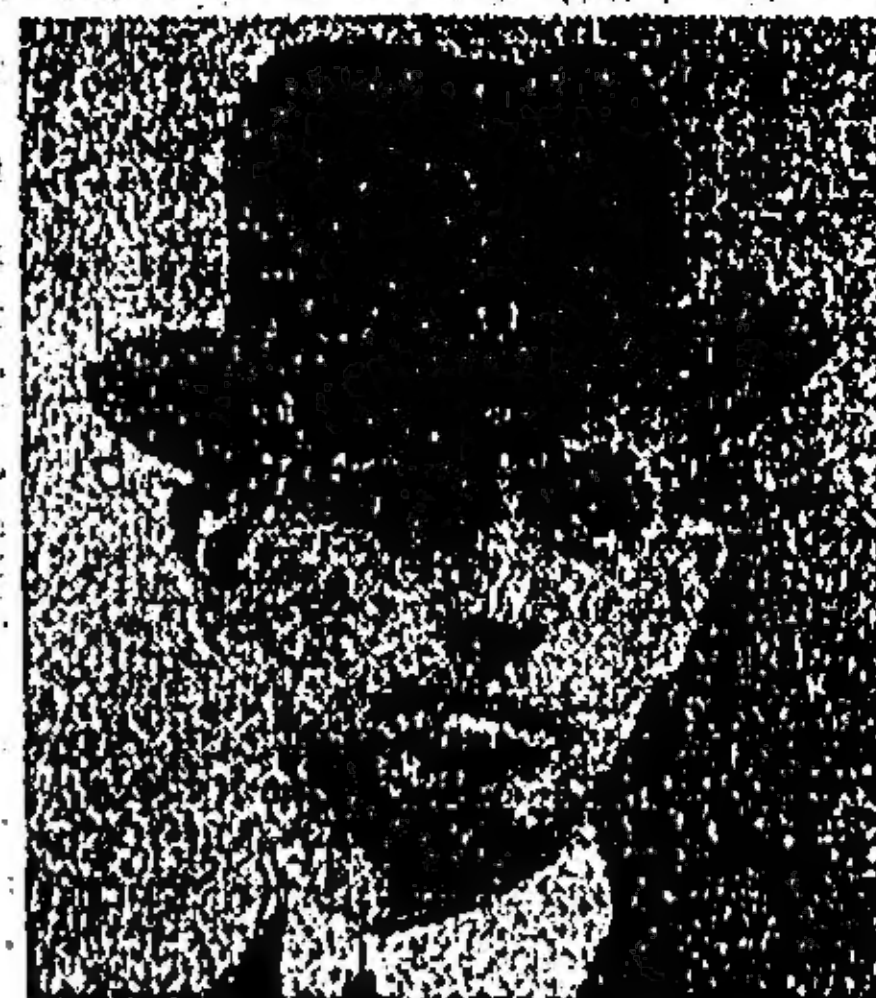
NOW that the United States of America is settling down to manufacturing war materials on a grand scale, the question of transportation across the Atlantic grows correspondingly urgent. The United States is unwilling to undertake this work as such an act might be construed as being an act of war, although President Roosevelt has stated that the United States merchantmen will be protected wherever they go, so long as they do not enter the combat zones proclaimed under the Neutrality Act.

The question of convoy is an urgent one, as Britain is plainly not in a position to provide the number of vessels required for such a purpose. At the same time, as one American commentator puts it, "It is useless to manufacture goods unless we can guarantee their safe delivery." President Roosevelt is faced with a serious problem. He has never failed to seize every opportunity to express his sympathy for the conquered democracies, nor has he failed to show his readiness to give Britain in her lone fight for freedom all the aid in his power. But President Roosevelt must act cautiously. He has shown throughout his presidency that he will not go a step further than public opinion permits. At the moment there is undeniably a certain amount of fear in various circles fostered, if not sponsored by pro-Nazi elements, that should the United States "guarantee their safe delivery" the transportation of war supplies to Britain by American vessels might lead to war.

In a recent article dealing with the problem and urging a rapid solution, the "New York Post" took the view that the possibility of war between the United States and Germany did not in any way hinge on the question of transporting war materials. The newspaper declared that "Hitler will decide if and when America comes into the war. The decision is his. He has no sufficient pretext for a declaration of war for many months, more than he usually requires." This being the case, it can then be argued that Hitler does not desire to be at war with the United States at this stage, though he would undoubtedly be highly delighted if Japan could be forced or persuaded to take the initiative and embroil America in the Pacific. Such an act would reduce the effectiveness of United States aid to Britain. The newspaper concludes with a warning that Hitler "will force America to fight when he thinks he can beat her, but not before."

Many suggestions as to the best method of ensuring safe delivery of war material have been put forward, the most feasible probably being the proposal to use Greenland as a half-

Van Kleffens has a word to say to Japan



VAN KLEFFENS

NO nation is more vitally concerned in the south-side which gave the Dutch ward expansion policy of Government the first news Japan than the Dutch.

The Dutch East Indies, a vast and rich colonial empire, lie across the path of Japan's march to the tropical sun. Indo-China, Thailand, and the Dutch East Indies have been specifically mentioned by Japanese Gov. Van Kleffens and one of his cabinet spokesmen as in-cluded within the New Order seaplane to England, and of which Japan is recognised as the leader under the Three-Power Pact.

At Camranh Bay and Haiphong in Indo-China, and on the large island of Hainan, the Japanese are installing themselves in strategic points from which they may hope to attack Singapore and the East Indies.

And the latest Japanese request to the East Indies is reported to be that they should be allowed to explore the outer ring of islands in the vast archipelago, that they shall have the right to establish an air transport line between Japan and the Indies, and shall be granted mining and fishing concessions.

To this policy of gradual encroachment and penetration the Dutch Government in London have replied by an emphatic Note.

"We reject any suggestion," said Dr Van Kleffens in a long talk, "that the Netherlands East Indies can be included in any New Order in Eastern Asia, either under the aegis of Japan or of any other nation."

Flew To England

Dr Van Kleffens is Queen Wilhelmina's Minister of Foreign Affairs. When the Nazis invaded Holland it always shown wisdom and

restraint in her dealings with other Powers, and there is no reason as far as we are concerned to cause any change in that attitude.

"But we have had occasion to make it clear that we will never recognise Japan or any other Power as a dominant or paramount nation in our domains. If we are attacked, if any attempt were made to include the Netherlands East Indies in a New Order, we should resist to the utmost."

"And if we were threatened, it is possible that other Powers would consider themselves equally threatened."

"The maintenance of the status quo in the East Indies is not merely a question of rubber and tin for the

bours. "There has been but one great European Power," says Dr Van Kleffens, "which for eighty years has been potentially or effectively aggressive. That Power is Germany."

He has himself recorded, with transparent honesty and indignation, in his moving book, "The Rape of the Netherlands," the successive stages of Nazi blackmail, bluff, deceit, and finally unmasked invasion and betrayal of the peaceful Dutch.

But why, it has often been reproached to his countrymen, why, since you knew the danger, since you feared and disliked the Nazi regime, since you loved democracy and sympathised with England and France, did you not join us before it was too late? Why wait until the invasion had started before calling on us for aid? Why delay so long in communicating to us your military secrets, in making it possible for us to co-operate with you against Germany?

The answer is, I am told, that it could have made no difference to the German invasion of Holland in the long run.

Few Defences

If the Allied frontier had run from Switzerland through Longwy (the end of the Maginot Line) along the Belgio-German frontier and the Dutch-German frontier to the North Sea, instead of along the Franco-Belgian frontier to the English Channel, the result would have been to extend considerably the frontier to be defended against Germany, without increasing its strength.

There are few natural defences along the Belgian frontier with Germany, and none along the Dutch-German frontier. If you dig a few feet below the surface in any part of Holland you come to water. The only conceivable fortification possible would have been a continuous line of concrete positions sunk deeply in the ground, and no such continuous line, over hundreds of miles of territory, has ever been attempted.

Even then, the failure of the strongest fortification to resist determined and audacious attack has been shown during the past year. And if the French and British armies were hardly adequate in numbers to defend the Maginot Line, how could they, even when reinforced by the Dutch and the Belgians, have undertaken the defence of the immensely longer frontier from Longwy to the Heligoland Bight?

A Future Problem

If at the outbreak of war Belgium and Holland had joined the Allies at once against Germany, they would have been attacked and overrun long before a British expeditionary force had been landed in the Low Countries. And events have shown that the combined air force of Britain and France, eight months after the outbreak of war, was inadequate to establish the aerial supremacy over the battlefield which alone might have checked the German mechanised divisions.

"Neutrality," says Dr Van Kleffens, "was far from being an ideal solution." It has not saved Holland and Belgium. But neither would intervention have saved them. The problem is to find some new policy for the future. Neither Belgium nor Holland, I have been assured by their representatives, can return to a policy of pure and undiluted neutrality, either voluntary, or compulsory. Events have changed all that.

GEORGE SLOCOMBE interviews the Dutch Foreign Minister

United States. It is the position of the Dutch East Indies in the political geography of Eastern Asia.

"The Indies stand at the crossroads of Southern Asia and the Pacific. Not only the great east-west lines of communication pass through the Indies, but also the great lines north-south. If Japan held the East Indies, communications with China, with the Pacific, with Australia would be threatened. Singapore would be in danger, and perhaps even Burma and India."

Not Alarmed

But the Dutch are not yet disposed to view the southward expansion policy of the Japanese Government with alarm. They are a nation of realists. They recognise much of recent Japanese utterances as of German inspiration. Hitler needs a diversion in the Far East to scare the United States out of releasing destroyers to Britain and denuding her Pacific defences in order to relieve the British Navy of some of its enormous burden in the Atlantic.

It was the Dutch sense of political realism that made them abandon the League of Nations' illusion of collective security when they saw that the League had broken down over Manchuria and Abyssinia. It was the same feeling that made them return to their old attitude of neutrality—a voluntary neutrality, and one which could be abandoned at any time, not an enforced neutrality like that imposed by international statute on Belgium before 1914.

The Dutch knew, and mistrusted, their German neigh-

Strong Philippines Air Force Desired

MANILA, April 26 (UP).—Secretary of National Defence Teofilo Sison is urging creation of a Philippine air force "sufficiently strong to command the respect of neighbouring countries," and has asked President Quezon and the National Assembly to authorise funds for gradual expansion of the programme.

Sison recommends the following steps as the basis for the programme:—

Expansion of the Philippine Army air corps and offshore patrol;

Government aid for training of civilian pilots;

Sending of Filipino pensionados abroad to take special courses in aeronautics;

Consolidation of Philippine commercial airline services and their operation under government supervision or control;

Establishment of a central national airport in Manila; Complete Filipinisation of the Bureau of Const and Geodetic Survey and acquisition of one survey ship.

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Reserve Resources Sison declared recently that civil aviation should be developed simultaneously with military aviation in order to make available resources of reserve material, including planes, engines, pilots and mechanics for national defence.

Duplicating the lack of Filipino civilian pilots which he attributed to the high cost of training and the comparative newness of aeronautics in the Philippines, Sison urged that a civilian pilot training programme be started immediately. Because of the limited supply of highly specialised technical men, he recommended that selected Filipinos be sent abroad to study radio and plane engineering and construction.

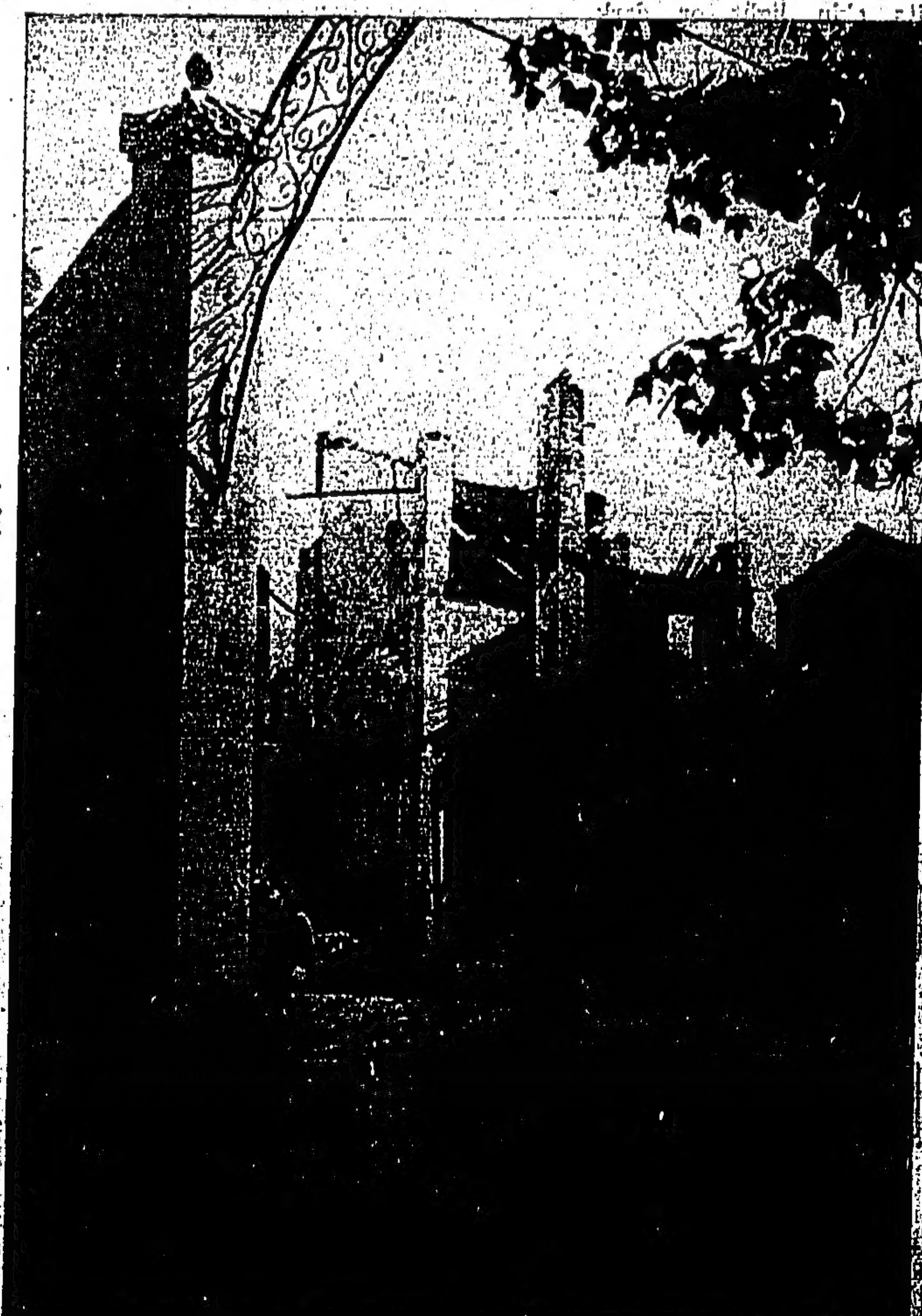
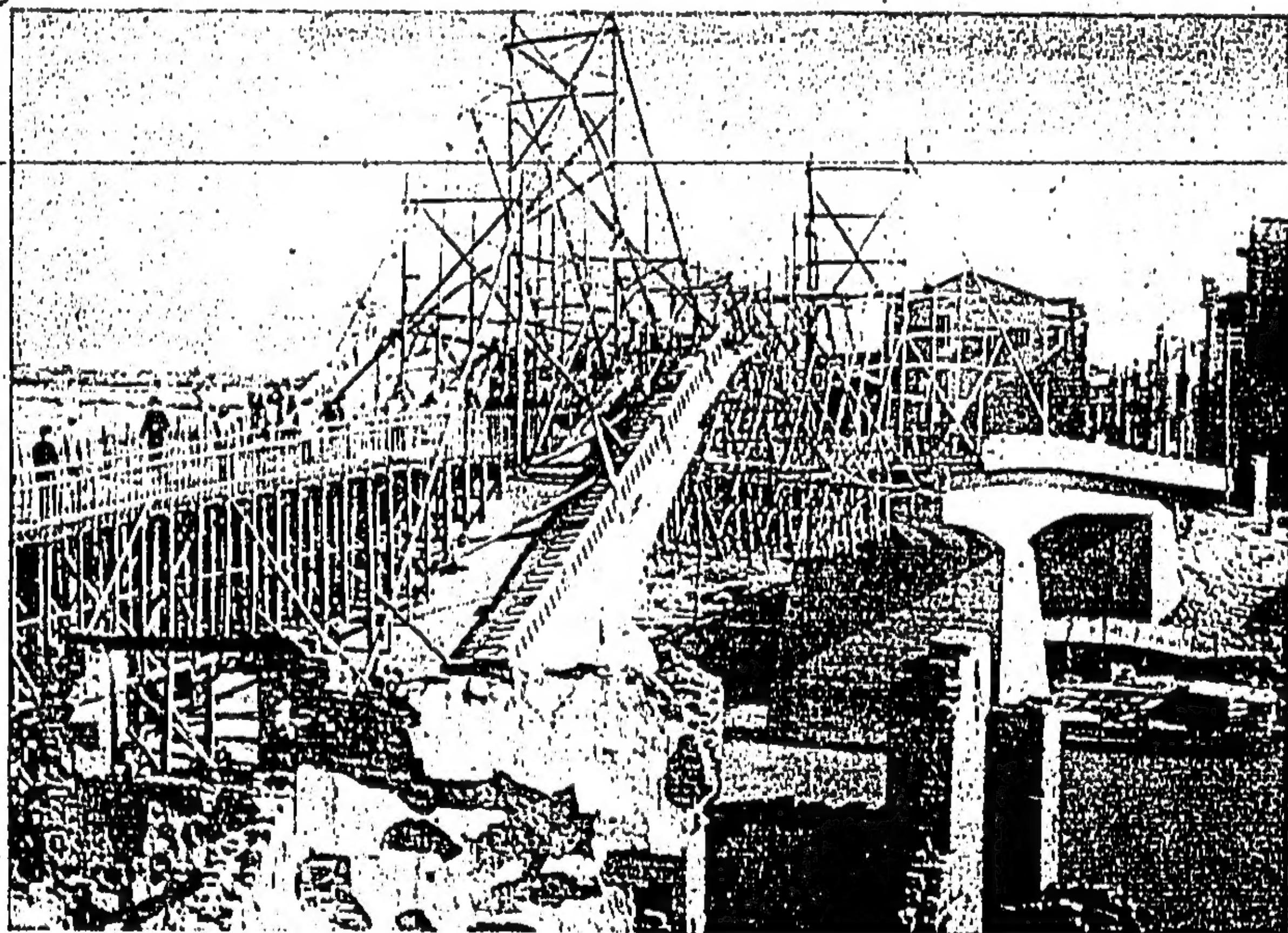
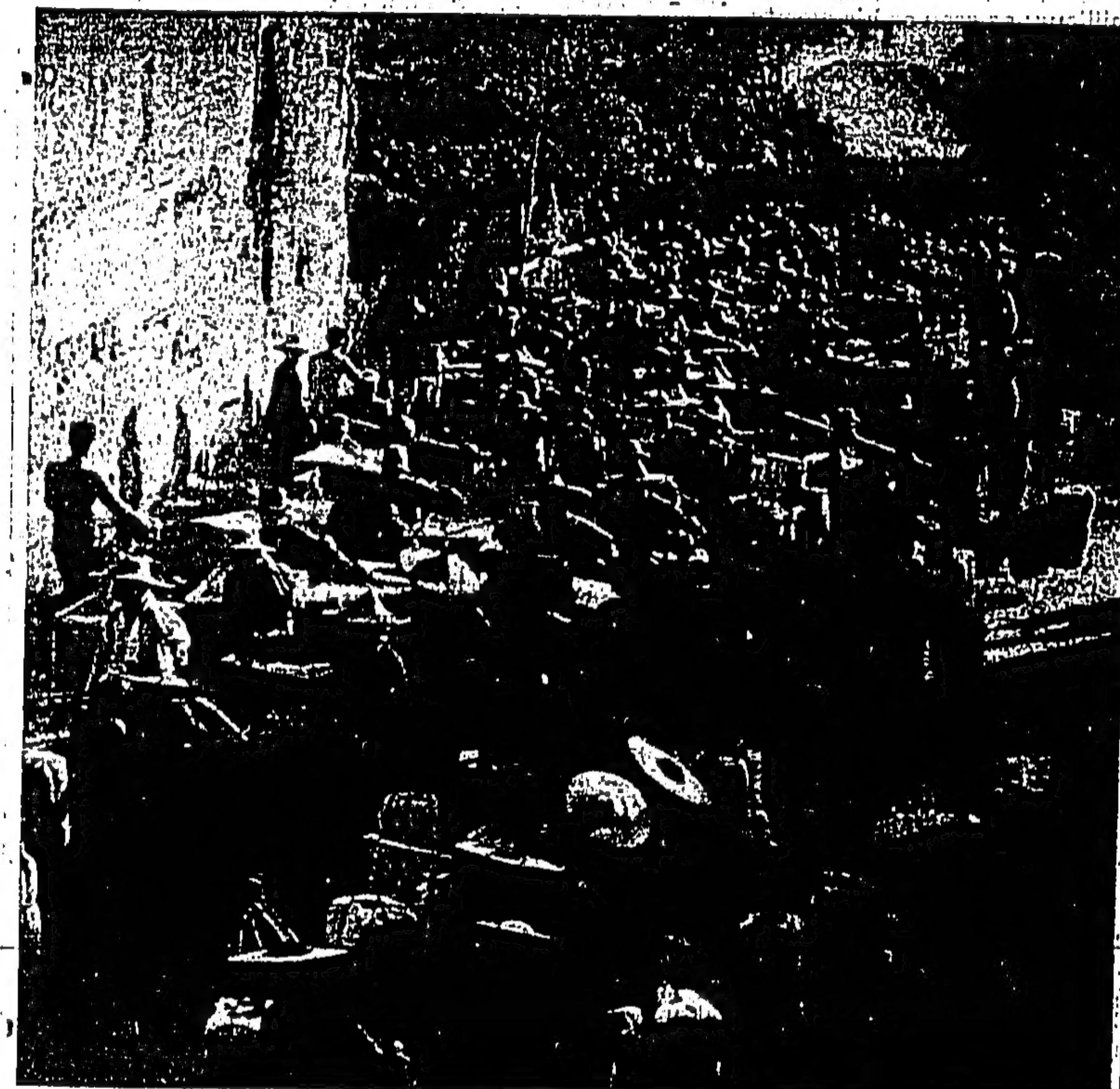
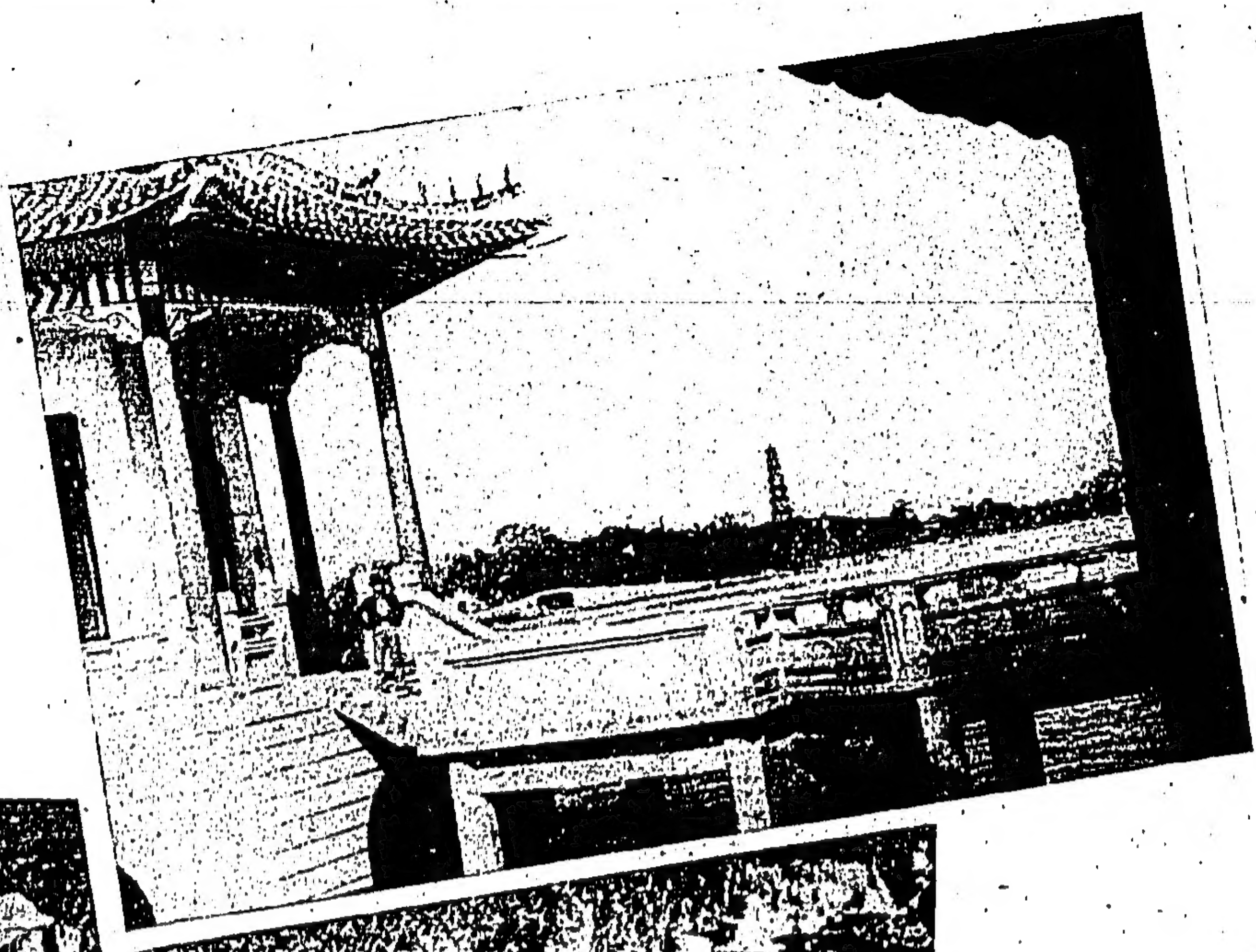
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CHINESE RESISTANCE GOES ON



These exclusive pictures, taken at an important town in South China, show how, despite hardship and transportation difficulties due to Japanese bombings, a constant stream of supplies is still being maintained to enable the Chinese Forces to pursue their programme of armed resistance.

A most remarkable picture is that on the upper right of the page. Vital supplies for the Chinese Army and necessities for civilian existence continue to pour in from the coast. If motor transport is unavailable, then the goods are transported for long distances by human carrier, as shown. Thousands and thousands of people are engaged in this work, relying upon their courage, strength and endurance.

Other pictures show the destruction caused by air raids and, in contrast, a charming lacustrine scene which recalls the greatness of China's civilisation; whilst the new spirit of military preparedness is typified in the pictures of peasant soldiers in the district.



"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

It is encouraging to ponder man problem had not even made over the fact that Hitler has its appearance. Lying schemer completely failed in one very im- that he is, he undoubtedly did portant intention—and that is delude us, but precious little con- his original idea of smashing sation can he derive now.

the British Empire within a few months of the start of his war. Decadent Britain (as represented, of course, by the British of course, very powerful, and Isles) was to be crushed beyond for a time it must be expected recognition very early in his to inflict very considerable damage of destruction. The date age in whichever part of Europe when he promised to enter it may operate. Its measure is, London is so far back as to be however, being gradually taken, forgotten. His promised dis- and the recent events in Greece integration of the British Em- demonstrate that it is forced to pay a heavy price for every yard of territory it now invades.

To have held it for so long is a wonderful tribute to the tenacity and fighting qualities of the Australians, New Zealanders, and other British troops, who have borne the brunt of the assault by the never ending masses of German mechanised divisions, backed by wave after wave of German planes.

The stand made by Greece, and the assistance rendered in that stand by British forces, may well go down in history as the beginning of Hitler's fall. It is obvious that the price paid will have been heavy, but losses are inevitable in warfare of such ferocity and speed.

As each day passes, the balance of power is passing to Great Britain, and the day cannot be so far distant when the German army will find itself up against a far greater machine of war than its own, as Britain gains superiority in fighting and bombing planes, mechanical field equipment, and all the necessary paraphernalia of modern warfare. It is only natural that we should feel apprehensive concerning our immediate losses, but the day when some degree of pessimism may have been justified has long passed, and we can surely look ahead now to the time when, with the aid of the United States, we shall turn the tables on Hitler, blast him and his hordes out of our path, and restore the independence of those nations who shirked the challenge, and thus lost their freedom and birthrights.

The blackest spot of all is the withholding of the French Navy from assisting Britain. The great part of the fleet remains in French hands, and it is incomprehensible that those who control it should be so sadly lacking in, what in common parlance, we term "guts."

There are, of course, free Frenchmen who, animated by the love for their country, desire to join shoulder-to-shoulder with their Ally who stood by them in the last war, but there are millions of others who have lost the right they once possessed to call themselves men.

For centuries to come, the descendants of those who could take the French fleet to British ports now, and yet fail to realise their duty, will have to bow their heads in shame.

REMEMBER ME?



Preparations are being made for the entry of Haile Selassie into Addis Ababa, the capital of his country, stated a message this week.

CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

The position in the Balkans is one of extreme difficulty and seriousness. It arises from the failure of the Yugoslav people to take precautions long before the attack on them was made. It is but another of many illustrations of Hitler being able to take advantage of divided counsels. Prince Paul, the Regent, was for the policy of appeasement and obedience to Germany, while the army and King Peter were for honour and independence. Even defeat in battle was for them preferable to servitude and ignominious surrender.

In this respect they found themselves in alliance with the gallant Greeks, but it was too late. As no plan of campaign had been arranged and as no co-operation was possible without staff talks, no serious opposition could be maintained. The Serbians had been betrayed by their leaders.

Russia assured Turkey that she would not put any obstacles in her way if Turkey thought it necessary to defend her borders. This was in accordance with the Russian policy of non-interference with any nation that wishes to go to war. But Turkey felt she could not successfully engage in a campaign to hold back the Germans from Thrace, though doubtless she would defend her own territories if they were invaded.

GREEK STAND

Thus it came about that the brunt of the attack fell upon the British forces and upon the Greeks whose successful fight against the Italians has won for them imperishable fame.

In a world of declining moral values, in which treaties and oaths are signed one day with such great ceremony and cynically are disregarded the next, it is heartening to contemplate the heroism of the Greeks in their determination to defend their honour and their independence. They have written history in letters of gold these past six months, and nothing Germany or Italy can do will ever deprive them of this great distinction.

Italy's conduct has been as despicable as that of Greece has been magnificent. As the great Greek philosophers of the past have taught the world how to live,

the Greeks now are teaching the world how to die." No cause was ever greater, none more glorious.

NOT WITHOUT SETBACKS

The Prime Minister has never attempted to prophesy easy victory. Far from it. But he does ask us to consider the war as a whole, and to realise that no war of such dimensions can be without serious setbacks. The

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The British nation will therefore be considered as the most valuable ally in the world as long as it can be counted upon to show that brutality and tenacity in its commitment, as well as in the spirit of the broad masses, which enables it to carry through to victory any struggle that it once enters upon, no matter how long such a struggle may last. It is the sacrifice that may be necessary, or whatever the means that have to be employed; and all this even though the actual military equipment at hand may be utterly inadequate when compared with that of other nations.

ECONOMIC STATE OF BALKANS

It would be interesting to know how much the economic situation in the Balkans has contributed to the present upheaval there, and how far it is likely to affect Germany in the future. Germany moved in this direction because of her exclusion from the markets of the world. These nations, small and unable to withstand Axis pressure, were compelled to enter the barter ring, and supply what Germany wanted in the way of wheat, fat, cattle and oil, and take in return something they did not want such as cameras, typewriters and aspirin, or else they had to pile up credits in Berlin.

In those days there were neither sufficient typists, nor headhaches to absorb these productions, and so the blocked marks accumulated. It was then proposed to build really big public works such as bridges, roads, factories, electric power stations and so on. This involved German supervision and a further German hold in Rumania, Yugoslavia and Hungary. Add to this the racial differences of Slav, Magyar and Rumanian, then religious differences of Western and Eastern Orthodox church and the Muslim church, bitter hatreds and jealousies of a political nature, and the setting is perfect for the advance of the German panzer columns.

In contrast with these divisions among these small nations, we have the singleness of purpose, and the splendid unity of the British Empire, backed by the incomparable financial and industrial resources of the United States whose President has definitely declared that a Dictator's peace will not be tolerated by his country. These are the factors which must ultimately make for victory.

MATSUOKA RETURNS

The return of the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, with the Soviet-Japanese pact in his pocket, has led to an intensification of the blockade against China. Released from anxiety on account of the Manchurian border, Japan can transfer troops further south and prosecute the war more vigorously. At the same time, Russia continues to send supplies into China. Some say that China is being penalised for her attack on the Fourth Route Army while Japan is being rewarded for her consistent opposition to Communism both in Japan and in China.

Russia then is sacrificing her political position in the Far East in order to

consolidate her military forces on the Western front. This, however, is contrary to the original purpose of the military alliance Japan signed with Germany and the Anti-Communist Pact by which Japan was expected to engage Russia's attention at the back door, while Germany was knocking at the front.

The latest pact seems to suggest that Japan need no longer discharge this duty for Germany who is now in a position to deal with Russia without her aid, but she wants Japan to turn south and become involved in a naval campaign with Britain, the United States and the Netherlands East Indies.

GERMAN PLANNED N.E.I. COUP

The talks between the Japanese and Dutch authorities are to be resumed in Batavia, and Germany naturally hopes they will prove abortive.

Germany assigns the Dutch Islands to the Japanese, but it is interesting to learn that her original intention was to seize them for herself. According to the American Journal, the Nation on May 11 last year a coup d'etat was planned.

There was always a considerable number of Germans in Java, but when the war started there was a considerable influx of business men and consular officials from other parts. Some Germans held key posts in the administration and had contacts with the discontented elements. The stage has been carefully set and important members of the Dutch community had been invited to a garden party by Baron von Plessen, a general product of Oxford, who speaks English perfectly.

This gentleman had the reputation while in Peiping of being definitely anti-Nazi, and it was suggested that his transfer to a minor post in Colombo was the penalty of his political intransigence.

It was all part of the game. From here he went to Java and entertained the Dutch with his right hand he greeted them, and with his left he was prepared to stab them with the dagger he concealed. The technique of treachery makes one literally sick.

WENT WRONG

The curtain was to go up when the signal arrived from Berlin, and the coup d'etat was to synchronise with the invasion of Holland. The message did arrive, but unfortunately a shrewd subordinate in the General Post Office held it up in the absence of his chief. As a diplomatic message in code it should have been sent on to the German consulate, but when three messengers one after the other arrived from the German headquarters this official brought it straight to the military to look into it. They did. The decoded message was the order to strike, and there was a statement from the Fuehrer that he expected to be informed of the fact that the Dutch East Indies were in possession of the Germans just as Holland would be in his possession in a few hours.

This startling information led to the arrest of every German within two hours, after which the Governor General informed his people that Holland had been invaded by the Germans.

At least one carefully laid scheme of the Germans has gone wrong, and that a very important one.

It would be interesting to have comments of the Japanese on this revelation, which proves quite conclusively that the Germans last year did not regard the Dutch East Indies as being within the scope of the New Order of East Asia.

FATE OF SMALL NATIONS

With Greece now practically out of the war and her gallant king in exile in Crete, the whole brunt of the fighting falls on the British Empire. The war so far has proved that the small nations cannot survive as independent states, but this fact was recognised when the Treaty of Versailles was signed. The League of Nations was to be their guarantor, but the refusal of certain states to co-operate, and the withdrawal of Germany, Italy and Japan, meant that the world which had been organised for peace was at the mercy of those nations which had organised for war.

The Germans, ever ready to become lawless themselves, rendered their state excessively strong. Unity and external discipline imposed by the Nazi party

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was more than a match for the democratic states which prized individual liberty, and preferred butter to guns.

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Just as had money drives out good, so Hitler has succeeded in countries like Norway, Denmark and Holland because these people could not believe that such cold calculated evil could really exist. They were the victims of their own belief in human decency.

How could the Norwegians ever believe that the children they had nourished the time of Germany's distress would come back as soldiers and murder them?

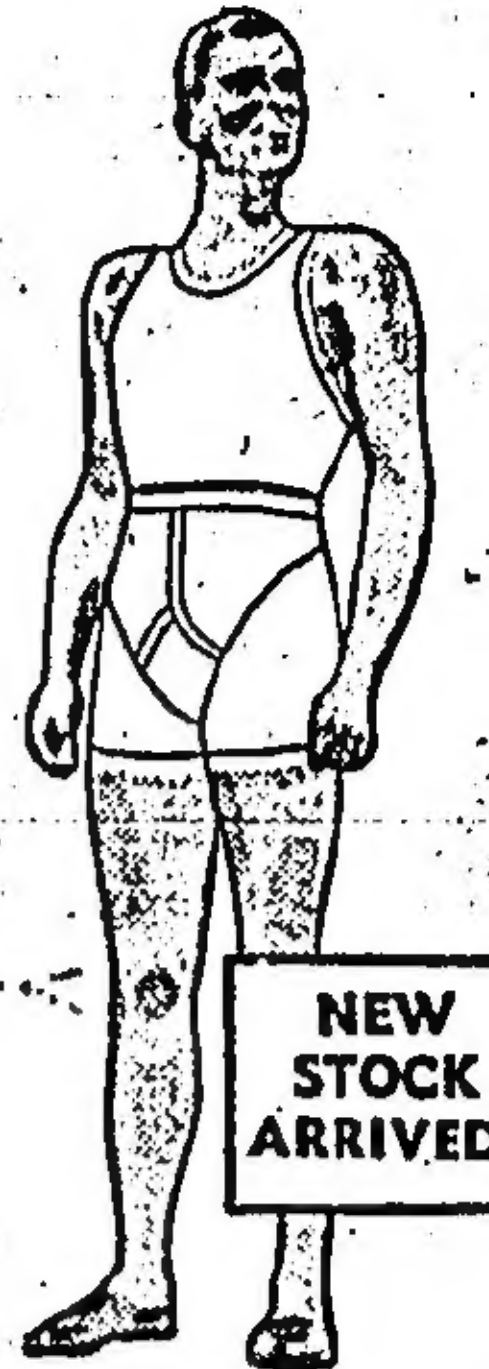
Nothing can excuse this behaviour, and nothing can ever obliterate the memory of such treachery. No wonder the Germans cannot bear the look of contempt, hatred and defiance in the eyes of the Dutch and Norwegians.

And how can a German or an Italian ever meet a Greek in future years and not read in his eyes the judgment of his nation's infamy and treachery.

That will never be eradicated.

It is not only military enslavement which follows German control, there is the terrible moral debasement which has come about and from this the world will suffer for many generations.

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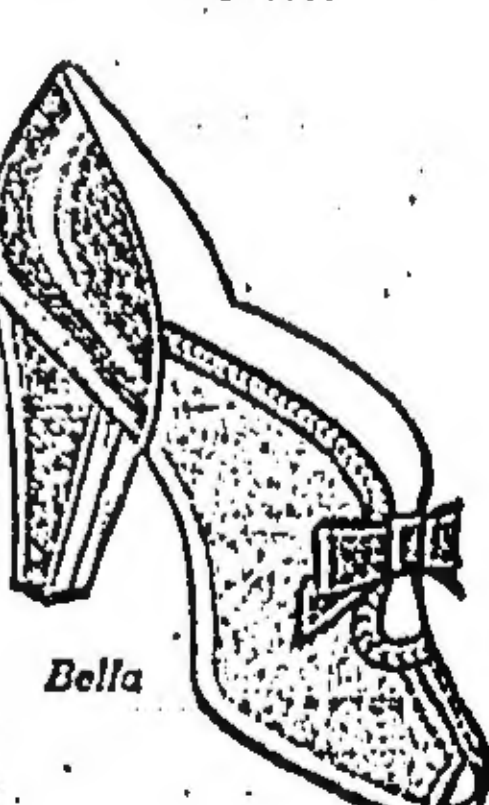
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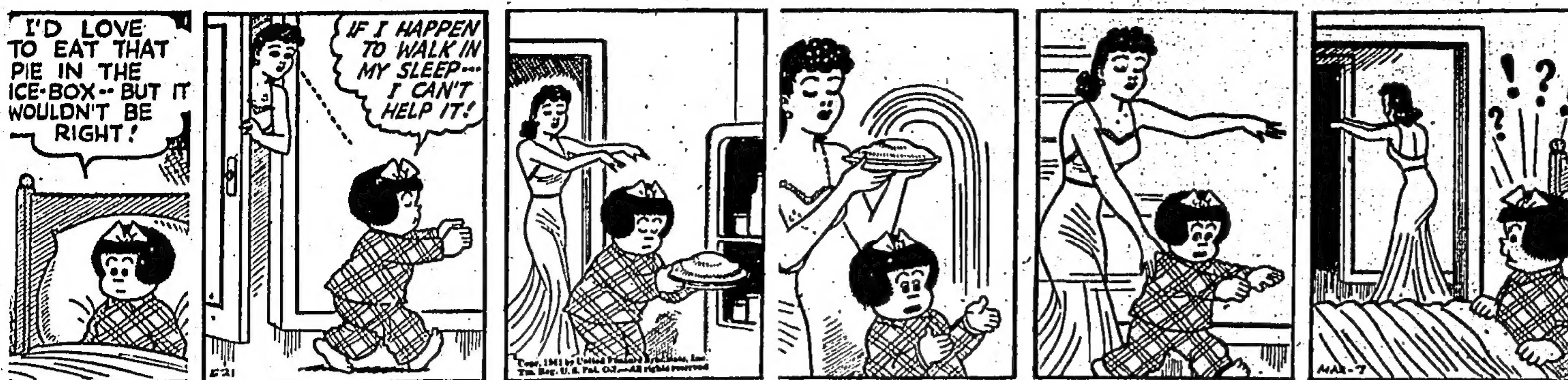
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SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE ready for any emergency

BY DAVID S. WAITE

United Press Staff Correspondent

Despite Singapore's in-the-jib of a massive crane ceasingly important posi-comes into view and the tion in the empire defence sides of the huge floating scheme, officials have relax-dock can be seen. ed their "hush-hush" policy regarding the great naval base and permitted corres-pondents to reveal some of the defence might of the fortress.

Should the British war fleet ever move to eastern waters, it would find at Singapore every facility which it required, from an extensive harbour safe from enemy attack to docks where the biggest battleship could be accommodated for repairs and for overhauling. No-thing has been forgotten, and a British warship would be as much "at home" at Singapore as at Devonport, Portsmouth or Scapa Flow.

The Admiralty harbour extends all the way down the Johore Straits from the causeway which joins the island of Singapore to the mainland to Changi Point, on the east coast of Singa-pore, including the mouth of the Johore river. This provides more than 20 square miles of deep water anchorage, more than enough to accommodate the entire British fleet.

Base At Seletar

The base itself, several miles up the straits at Seletar, covers an area of four square miles. Tower-ing over all are the masts of a naval radio station, and as one goes up the straits

The facilities at Singapore base comprise a stores and provisioning yard, repair yard, rest and recreation facilities for personnel, medical facilities, and head-quarters for the command.

Thousands of yards of seawall and wharves have been built with berths to accommodate several warships at the same time where they can take on fresh stores and fuel. Nearby are rows of store sheds capable of holding all the many and varied stores required for a large fleet which may be operat-ing at sea for weeks without an opportunity to return to port for supplies.

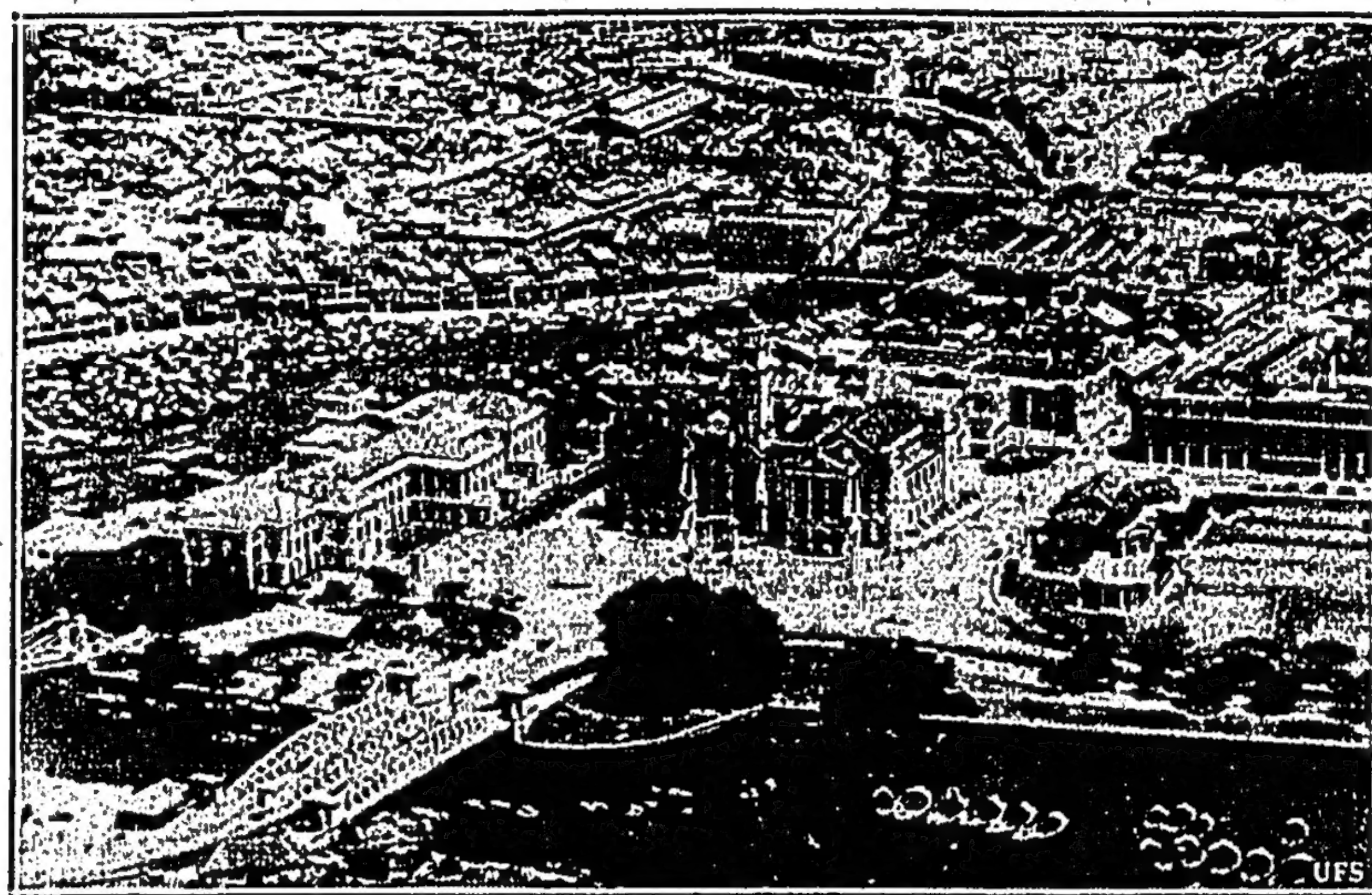
The provisioning yard in-cludes extensive, cold-and-air-conditioned storage-chambers in which perishable provisions are stored. Enough food and other supplies for a small town are kept in store at the base.

Water Supply Protected

Singapore is fortunate in being situated close to the oil fields of Borneo and Sumatra, but it is necessary to keep within the base, or near at hand, stocks of oil which can be drawn upon immediately the need arises. It has often been estimated that oil sufficient to maintain the fleet for six months is kept in Singa-pore.

Great mains bring the water supplies to Singapore and in the unlikely event that these cease to function there are, actually within the boundaries of the base, two reservoirs which hold sufficient water for emergency supplies.

In the armament depot at the base are magazines holding floating dock, which was built in



Aerial view of Singapore, which stands at the crossroads of the East. Picture shows the important business and administrative centre of the port.

stocks of all types of naval Great Britain, and towed 8,000 miles to Singapore in sections, is a self-contained dockyard. It has displacement of 50,000 tons and has its own generating sta-tions and workshops.

The King George VI graving dock required excavation of several million cubic yards of mud and earth before the foundations, which go down deep to hard rock, could be pro-vided. It was a gigantic un-der-taking, requiring several years to complete. It is 1,000 feet long, 130 feet wide and 35 feet deep at the entrance. Once a ship is berthed inside the dock, the water can be pumped out in a short time, leaving the under-water structure of the ship ex-posed for repairs.

Dock For Biggest Ship

These docks can take the largest battleship afloat and the King George VI dock is exten-sive enough to accommodate the biggest ship in the world. The

Large blocks of workshops stand within the dockyard area. They are equipped with the latest type machinery for deal-ing with any naval repair job. Many European engineers and overseers, and thousands of Chinese, Indian and Malay-ar-tisans are employed by the Ad-miralty in these shops.

Heavy Crane Available

Within the dockyard is a crane which can lift out of a warship a complete gun or boiler which may need repair. Smaller cranes are provided for remov-ing other equipment needing at-tention, and there is also a 150-ton floating crane which was brought to Singapore soon after the floating dock arrived.

In each workshop there are travelling cranes, and railway lines run into the shops to en-able heavy equipment to be taken rapidly into that part of the dockyard where needed re-pairs can be made.

Everything in the dockyard has been built to last and to stand up to the strain and stress which would be placed upon it by war-time operations in this part of the world.

Buildings have been con-structed to give maximum pro-tection against aerial attack, whether by high explosive or in-

centiary bombs. Every work-shop is safe against blast and splinters, as secure as an air raid shelter in Great Britain which will stand anything but a direct hit. For vital points, of course, completely bombproof construction has been provided.

Tropical Barracks Modern

The provision of rest and re-creational facilities for person-nel of ships using the base has not been neglected and the fleet shore accommodations can house thousands of men. They are among the best-designed tropical barracks in the world. Sport grounds are not far away while a modern swimming pool is within a stone's throw of the men's quarters.

Apart from facilities for ships, the naval base also pro-vides headquarters for the com-mand, with rapid communica-tions with the Admiralty in London and naval stations and ships in all parts of the world. High-power radio stations en-sure the maintenance of naval communications. In addition, Singapore is well known as an important centre for telegraphic cable communications.

Among the newest buildings at the base is the headquarters block which houses the Com-mander-in-Chief of the China Station, the Rear-Admiral, Ma-laya, and their staffs and the superintendent of the dockyard. When, with the growth in the size of capital ships and a cor-responding increase in the re-quirements of the British fleet in the way of refitting and re-pairs, it became obvious that the naval dockyard at Hongkong could not be expected to con-tinue to fulfill the role of the principal British naval base east of Suez, Singapore was chosen for its central situation. It stands at the crossroads of the East, commanding the trade routes between India and the Far East and Australia and New Zealand.

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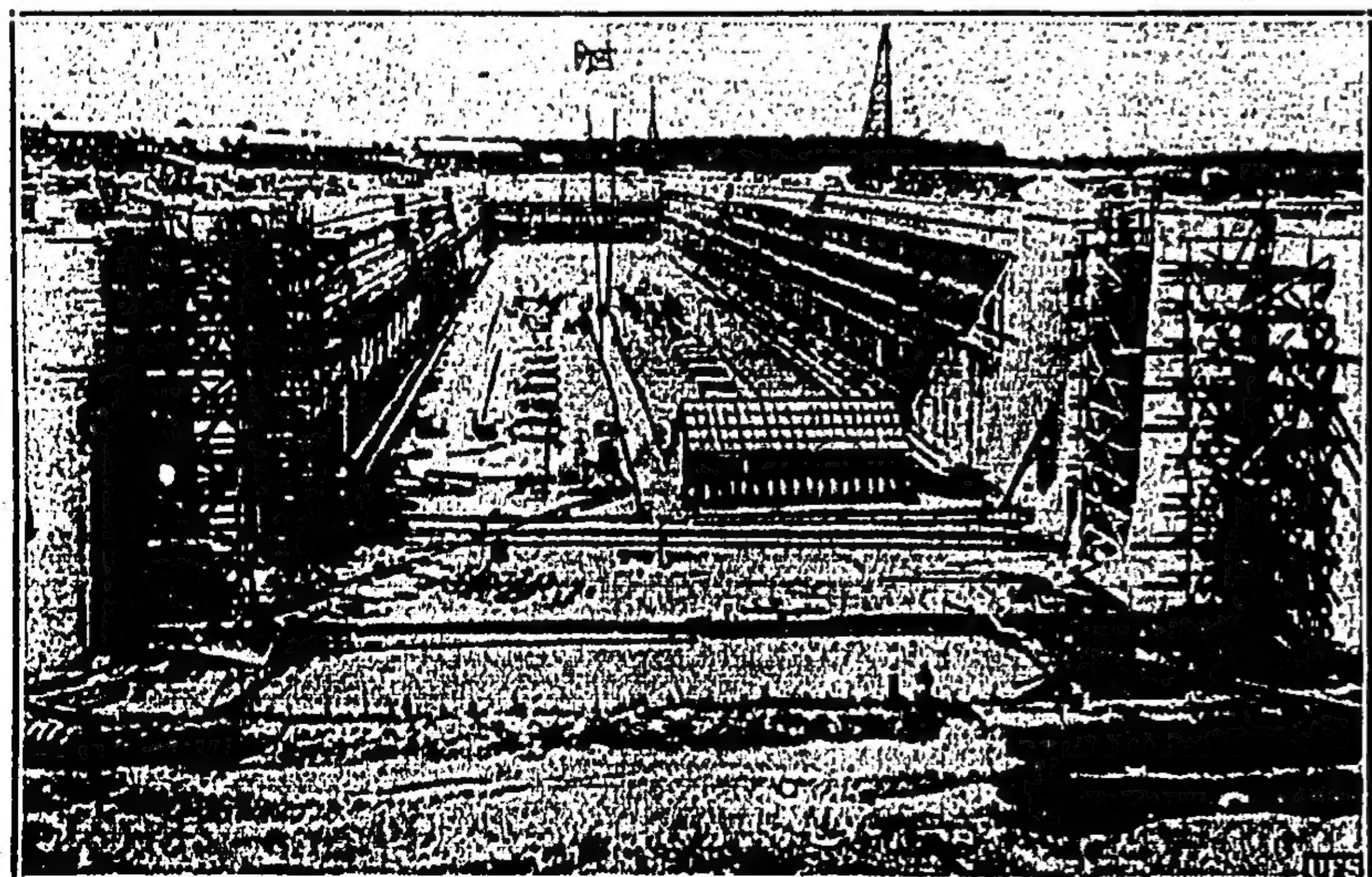
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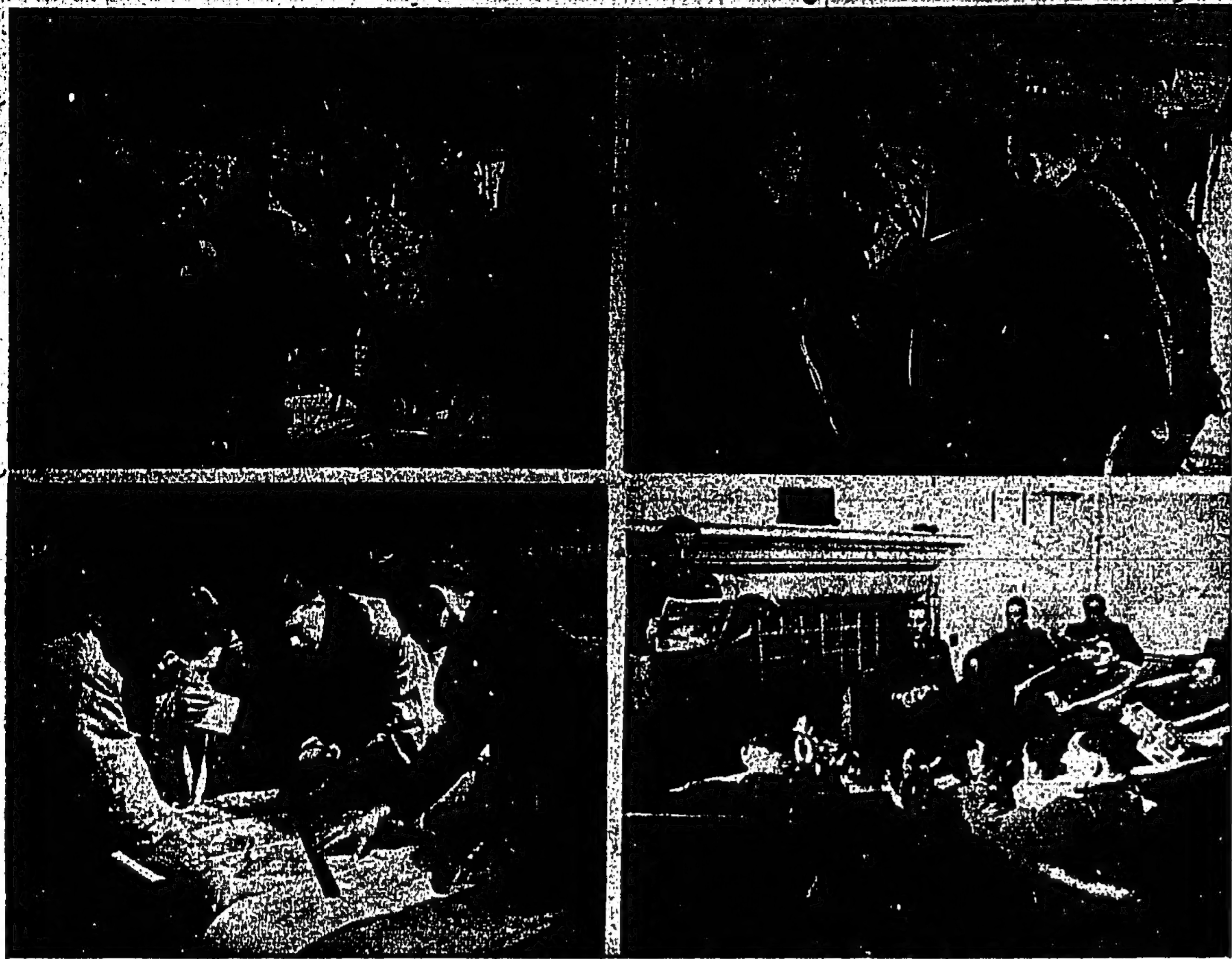
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Training Britain's Air Pilots

By Hannen Swaffer

REAL PLOTS FOR WAR FICTION

WHERE is the Guy de Maupassant of to-day?

The master of the short story found, in 1870, much material, dramatic and tragic-comical, in the German conquest of France.

Now, Paris groans under an oppression a hundred times more tyrannous. But, even amid the despair, there is humour.

Do you know Flambaum's? It is a popular Jewish restaurant in the Rue de Faubourg-Montmartre.

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With the Germans, there came the threat. The Jewish customers got fewer in number, for they feared attacks of the kind they had heard of in Berlin, Vienna and Prague.

Still, the restaurant carried on. . .

THEN, one night, three German officers stamped in.

The proprietor trembled. Had the pogrom begun?

The officers, however, did not bully or threaten. They sat down and unfolded their serviettes.

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The officers, replete with food and profuse in satisfaction, went away delighted.

The next night six officers came—and, in a week, the place was full of Germans. No Jews were to be seen. There was no room for them.

And, under the growing patronage of Nazidom, Flambaum's took on a new prosperity.

BUT, alas, it could not go on 'for ever. "Give us larger portions,"

demanded the Germans one night.

The proprietor washed his hands in invisible water in his apologies.

"Things are getting difficult," he said. "Food is becoming scarce, and we poor Jews get only the leavings in the markets."

"Don't let that worry you," he was told.

NEXT morning, an Army lorry arrived outside Flambaum's. It was stocked high with meat.

Not for long had the street seen so much. "It is with the officers' commissions," said the non-commissioned officer in charge.

Meat of all kinds was there, great sides of beef, shoulders of mutton, breasts of veal—and pork, for the soldiers hadn't worried about what they had taken.

You can imagine the care with which that was got rid of. Anyway, laughter. . .

That night the portions were bigger than ever, and the officers were more than pleased.

And, for days, the lorry arrived every morning full with joints—and, every lunch-time and every night, German officers ate heartily, and, in their repletion, became almost prosaic.

BUT the new prosperity was too good to last.

In all the roads leading up to Montmartre, and even in the grand boulevard, rival restaurateurs grumbled.

Why are the Jews getting all the food?" they asked.

At last one complained to the Storm Troopers. They complained to General von Stulpnagel, the military governor.

That night, Flambaum's was closed, by his orders! It is strictly Kosher again—but it has no food to sell.

LONDON, too, has its real-life stories.

They tell me of a woman ambulance-driver, 25 years old, who is one of the heroines of the Blitz.

She has earned local fame by her skill in putting out incendiaries. They fall wherever she goes, and always she is off her seat in a moment, putting them out.

Nor are her colleagues far behind her in their anti-incendiary triumphs. The other day, she and her fellow-workers at her post received an order. "The chief says you are all to attend a lecture to-day."

Anxious to become proficient in every detail of their task, they all turned up to hear an L.C.C. official. "I am going to instruct you how to put out incendiary bombs," he began. . .

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PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE SERGEANT CARRIES ON

THERE are men in uniform at this moment whose doings will fill up long winter evenings in the twenty-fifth century—long after their names are forgotten.

We have one such in our company. He is about twenty-one years old; looks seventeen; is already a sergeant.

The corporal known as Bearsbreath was telling us about him.

The young sergeant was involved in the Withdrawal from France.

He went out as a private and returned with stripes.

"He done all right," said Corporal Bearsbreath. "E 'ad 'oles in 'im you could of pushed a wheelbarrow through."

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Belgium was beginning to crumble. Our men, cut off, were hacking their way to the coast.

We were fighting a landslide. Our men were exhausted. The young sergeant, who had been promoted on the field, was also exhausted.

Under a hailstorm of jagged iron and a perpetual peeling-off of dive-bombers spraying endless machine-gun bullets, he found himself almost alone. But he still held the little hole or corner which he had been expected to defend.

By some means unknown to science, he managed to shave—Corporal Bearsbreath says, with the sharp edge of a broken mirror.

He also polished his boots—probably against the backs of his battle-dress trousers, hints Bearsbreath, with some disapproval.

At last it was necessary for him to withdraw. He did so, although his chances of survival were something like those of a beetle in the gearbox of a fast car.

He shouldered the rifles and equipment of his five men, and marched towards the coast.

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The party was dive-bombed. The young sergeant came out of a chaos of blue flashes and hideous noises to find himself lying on his face with a lump of bomb in his back.

Presumably he applied his first field dressing, hints Bearsbreath, and picked himself up, and marched on.

A Nazi fighter-plane alighted him, and gave him a couple of bursts by way of attention.

He adopted the correct kneeling position returned five rounds rapid in the officially-prescribed number of seconds; saw the plane stagger, as it were, and then came down as the nucleus of a comet of black smoke. Bearsbreath says so, anyway.

He marched on. On the way he came across a wounded man from Durham; carried him two miles; encountered more bombs; got behind a broken car, and—releasing his safety-catch—brought down another plane. I'm still quoting Bearsbreath.

His boots, by this time, were worn out. So were the soles of his feet. He left little red patches as he walked.

"E ought to of died, but 'e carried on just out o' spite," says Bearsbreath. "Besides, there was only another twenty miles to go to the coast."

He covered those twenty miles and reached the coast; got the wounded Durham man into a boat, and, there being no more room, reluctantly abandoned his equipment and swam.

He got aboard a ship; stood, a terrifying figure of blood and rags, reeling and coughing; dug down to some hidden reserve of energy; saluted a superior officer, and fainted.

And here he is, somewhat marked under his clothes, but otherwise as right as rain.

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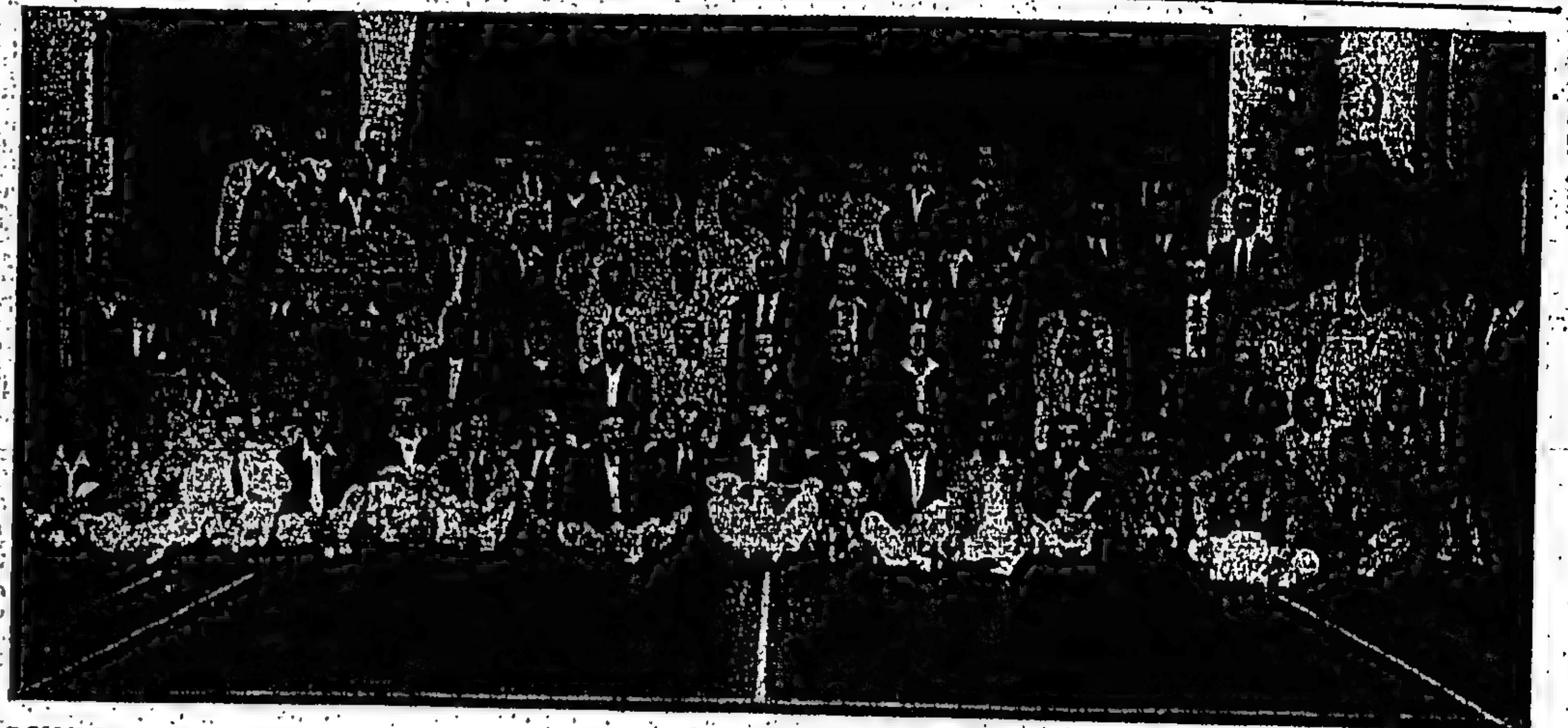
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A.F.S. DINNER—The Auxiliary Fire Brigade held its second anniversary dinner last Saturday at the Hotel Cecil. Picture above shows the company assembled, and at right, snapped whilst speaking, is Mr D. H. Blake, the Superintendent. With him are (left to right) Mr Chan Mok-lung, Mr Luke Oi-wan and Mr C. G. Perdue. (Photos: Mao Chung).



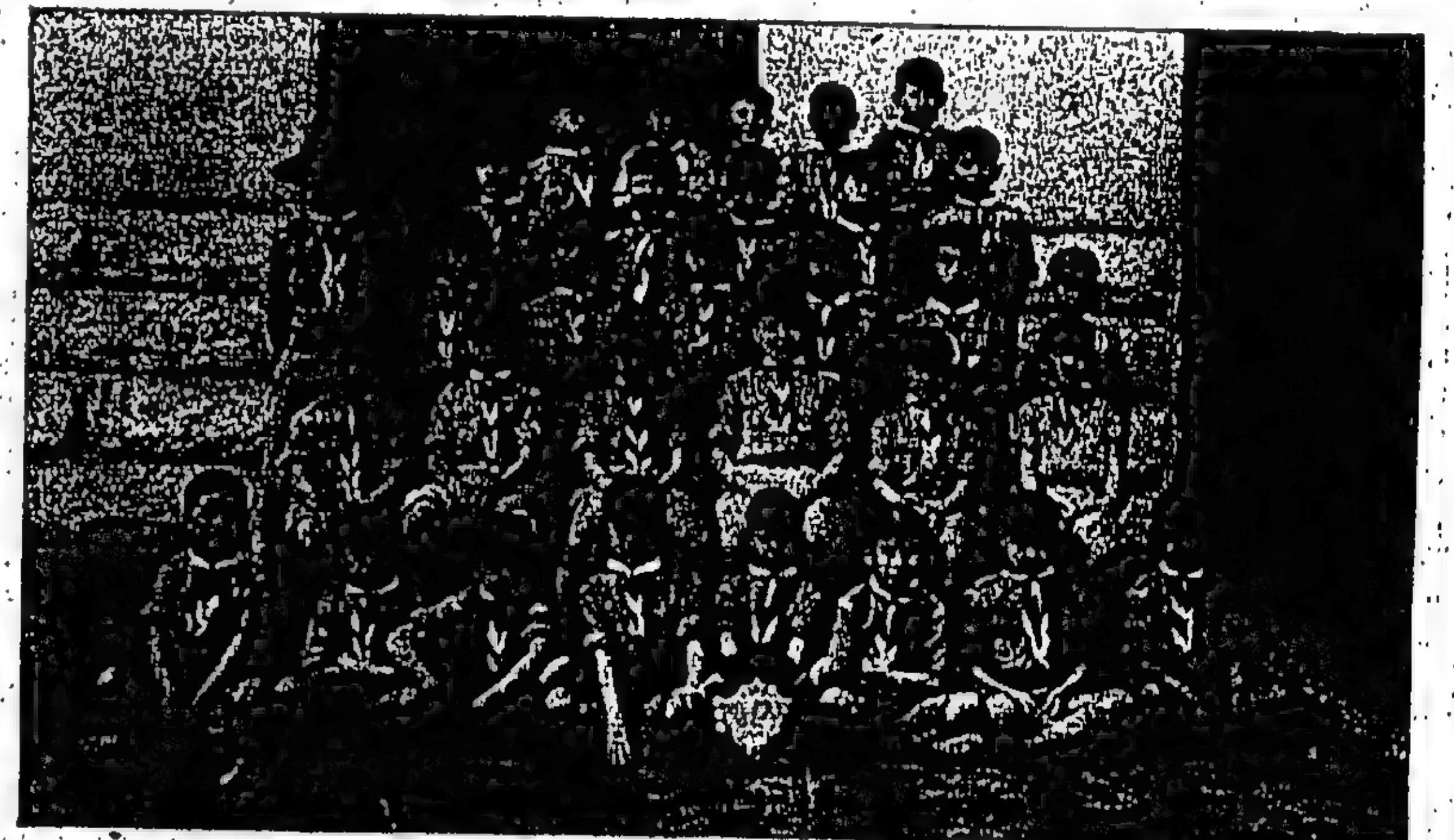
BOWLS TROPHY GAME—Group taken at the Club de Recreio last week-end after the conclusion of the competition match between Recreio and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club for the Sam White Trophy. The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro Jnr., President of Club de Recreio, (in centre) received the trophy on behalf of the winners. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



UNION CHURCH WEDDING—Mr Eric Himsworth, Assistant Immigration Officer, and his bride, formerly Miss Ethel Emily Pratt, leaving Union Church after their wedding. The Misses Helen and Doris Kotewall were bridesmaids. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



ART EXHIBITION—Photo shows some of those who attended the recent exhibition of Chinese war paintings by Mr Liang Yu-ming at St. John's Cathedral Hall. In the picture are Mr L. Barton, Mr George She, Bishop Ronald Hall, Mrs A. N. Macfadyen, beside whom stands the artist, and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo. (Photo: Now China).



CUBS' SPORTS CHAMPIONS—Cubs of the 1st Hongkong (St Joseph's) Pack, who won the Shield at the recent Wolf Cubs' sports held at the Diocesan Girls' School. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



ST GEORGE'S DAY CEREMONY—Mr F. C. Hall, President of St George's Society, and Mr H. R. B. Hancock, Past President, laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on St George's Day. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



OWENS-FISHER WEDDING—Group taken after the wedding at St John's Cathedral last Saturday of Mr Reginald Owens and Miss Allison Fisher. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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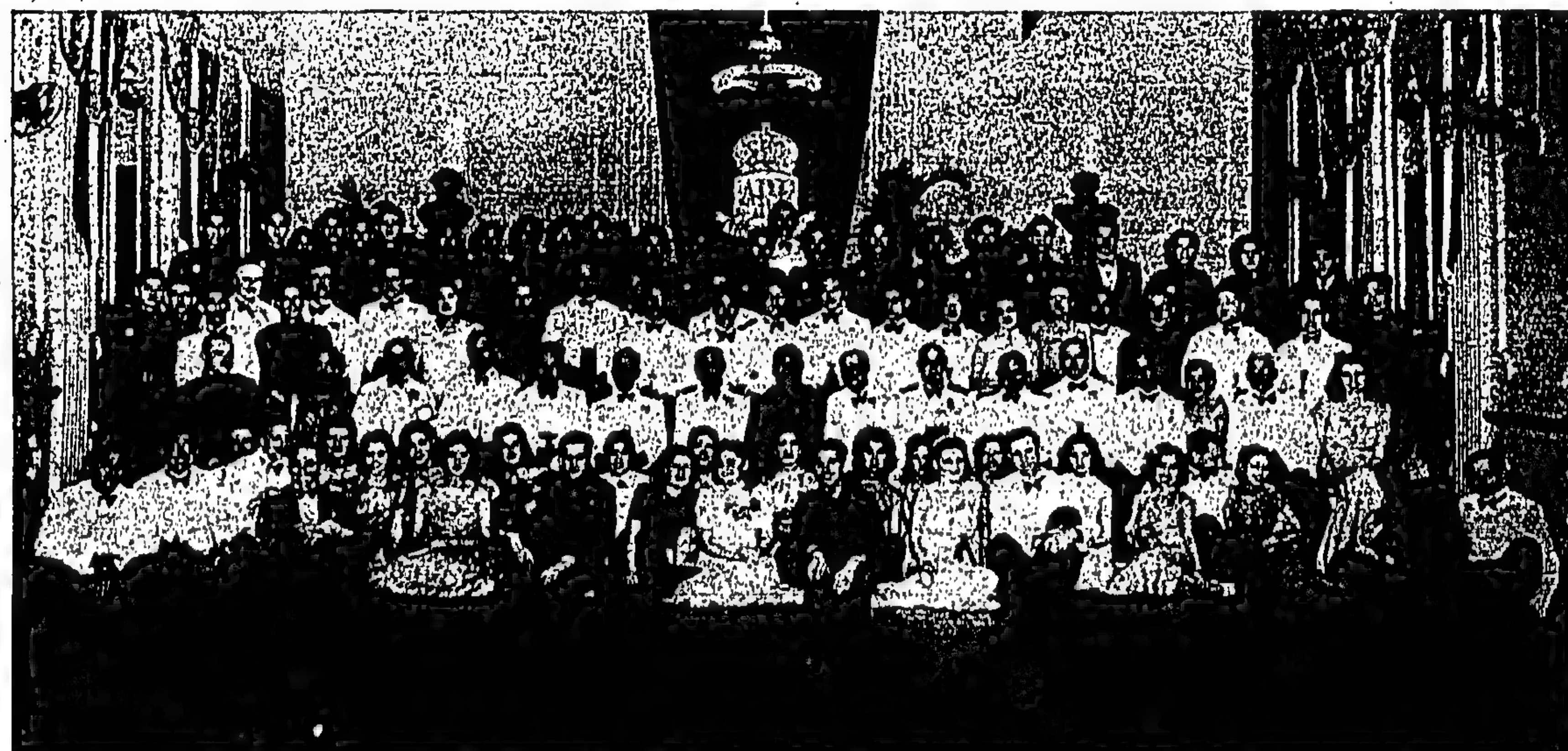
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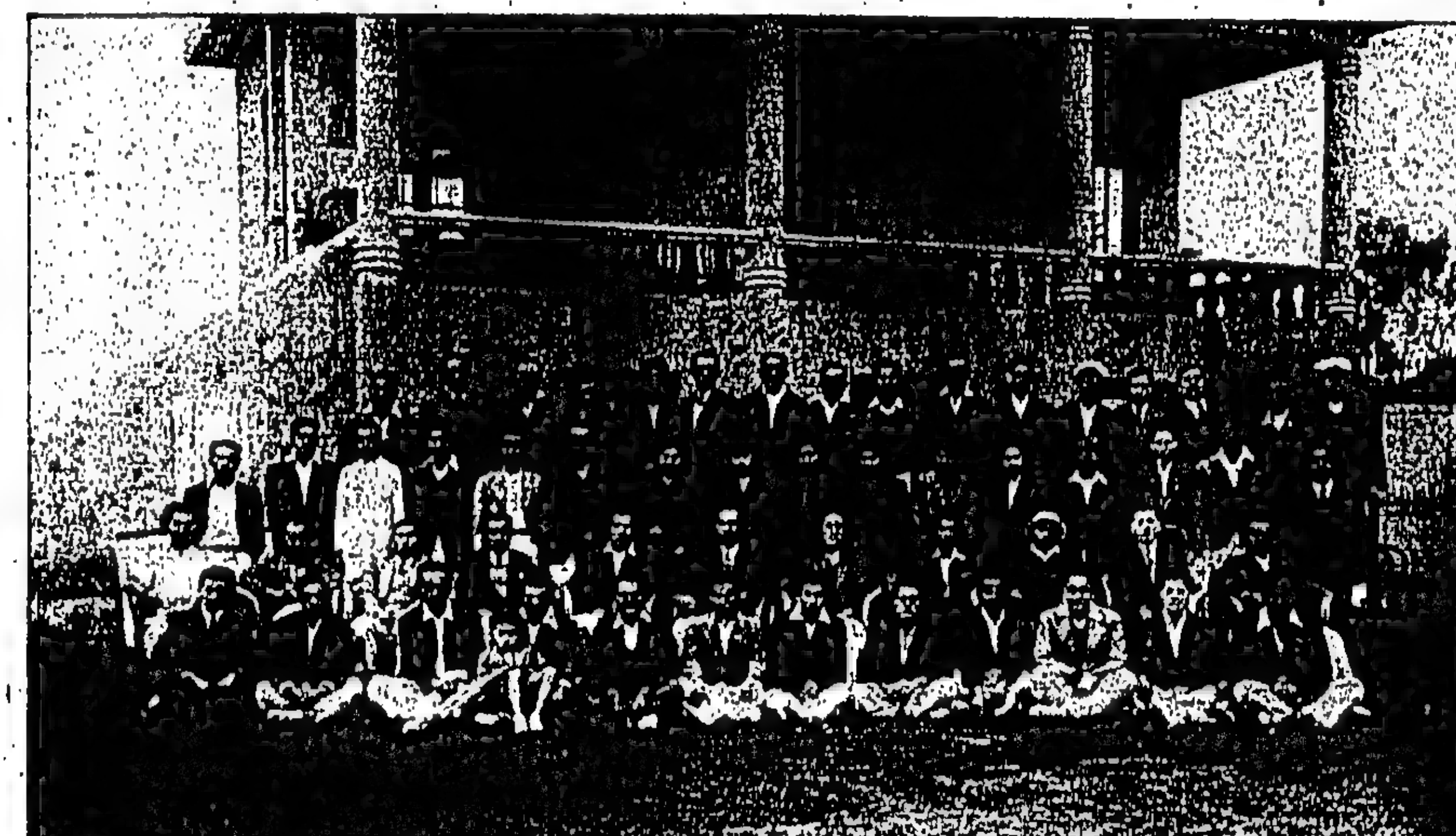
COMPETITION FOR EFFICIENCY—Members of District A, Tsimshatsui Division, of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens, who won the Shield presented by Divisional Warden J. Moodie. Major C. M. Manners, Deputy Chief Warden for Kowloon, is seated in centre. On his right is Mr Moodie, District Warden R. Abraham, in charge of District A, is seated third from left. (Photo: Yuen Chun).



FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS—The South China Athletic Association senior football team, which won the League, the Shield and the Kowloon Cup this season, photographed with members of the Committee. In the centre of the front row is the Captain, Mr Lee Wai-tong. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).



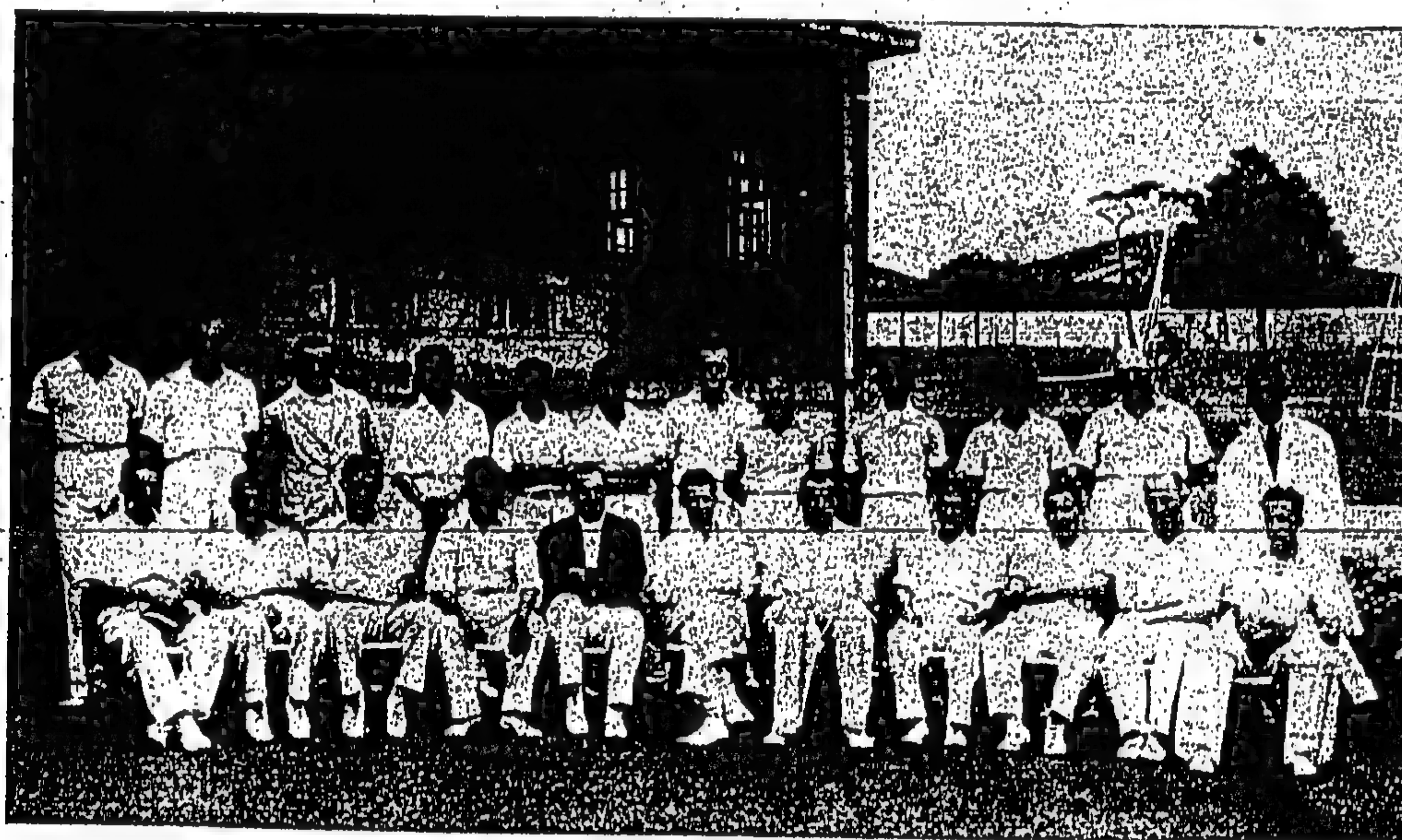
A.R.P. WARDENS' DANCE—Picture above shows some of those who attended the dance given at the Club Lusitano by the Officers of the Upper Levels Division of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).



TO BID FAREWELL to Messrs K. Numata and S. Hasogawa, of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Mr S. Danjo, of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and Mr J. Komatsu, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, members of the Japanese Tennis Club entertained them at King's Park last week. The four members have been transferred elsewhere. (Photo: Mao Cheung).



PEAK CHURCH WEDDING—Mr F. Buckle and Miss M. Dobson, who were married at the Peak Church last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



CHAMPIONS VERSUS THE REST—Photo taken at the Kowloon Cricket Club last week-end when the Club's Second Eleven, which won the Junior League, entertained a team representing the other clubs participating in the League. Standing (left to right)—K. Lo, G. A. Goodban, F. E. Lawrence, M. A. Remedios, A. el Arculli Jr., G. W. Giffon, K. M. Baxter, J. C. Fenton, U. H. Esmail, A. E. Noronha; Sitting—T. A. Madar, W. C. Hung, W. Rapley, U. M. Omar, A. E. Carey (Captain of the Rest), S. A. Gray (K.C.C. Captain), R. J. Fenton, M. I. Razack, H. E. Strango, G. E. Taylor, H. Brokenshire. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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They mean that the child is using up his energy far more quickly than he is replacing it. And it is at night, during sleep, that these stores of

energy should be replaced. If they are not replaced, the nervous strain on the child gets worse and worse. He's suffering from Night Starvation.

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MISS REGINA YUI, daughter of Mr O. K. Yui, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, who performed at recent charity dances in aid of war relief. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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Reynaud's Evil Geniuses

Allons enfants de la Patrie, Le jour de gloire est arrivé!

"THE day of glory has come!" Such was the thought that could be read on the face of M. Paul Reynaud when, emerging from the Elysee on the afternoon of March 20, he said to journalists in a tone of apparent unconcern: "The President of the Republic has commissioned me to form the Government."

He had long desired that moment. More than 60 years according to a subsequent sarcastic remark by M. Pierre Laval, who had no great love for him.

So on this day when the President of the Republic crowned his ambition, he saw himself at the summit and strained upwards to attain the glory of winning the war.

He saw himself as the man in whose honour marble statues would bear the words: "He deserved well of his country!" The man whose name would resound down the ages like those of Clemenceau, Joffre and Poch!

"One Aim—Victory"

In my presence he protested with a good faith beyond suspicion: "It's my wish that we should put our backs into the war. I want to see it carried on a hundred per cent. I want to see all our energies devoted to the sole object—victory!"

In addition, when he set about constructing his Cabinet, he had reassumed all his old air of "no-compromise."

So it caused stupefaction to those in the know to see M. Paul Reynaud reach the scene of action with a programme worthy of Clemenceau, yet accompanied by a bodyguard which was the very centre of defeatist and pacifist intrigues.

What was the background of the French situation when M. Reynaud took office? Let us look first at the condition of the armed forces.

Of the Navy one could only speak well. And all the good things said about it were to prove true.

The French Air Force stagnated in comparison with the R.A.F. and still more beside the huge stocks of Marshal Goering. The blame for this went a long way back.

The Army, during the first six months of war, engaged in no fighting save at the outposts. It has been said of this period that it was a war of rot.

Hore-Belisha's Plan

One man, Mr Hore-Belisha, when he was British Minister of War, asked this question: situation M. Paul Reynaud had could not an enormous number to cope with. And, much nearer of the men mobilised be set to him personally, he had two work extending the Maginot evil geniuses—a woman and a line to the sea and constructing man.

Objections were raised. Winter mud would make the work impossible. Mr Hore-Belisha consulted engineers and contractors, who showed how the difficulties could be overcome.

Then the flatness of the ground was given as an excuse. To this Mr Hore-Belisha replied:

"It would be as well to say outright that you have no intention of doing anything." Mr Hore-Belisha resigned perhaps the doer as chief Minister of War would he have overcome prejudice and the force of inertia?

In the political field, the whole winter of 1939 had been dominated by open and secret struggles between the parties. The spirit of war was lacking.

It was lacking in the Ministries: it was lacking in the High Command, in the factories, in

high society, in the middle-class, in the Press, in Parliament.

Early in the war Signor Guariglia, the Italian Ambassador to France—who was widely known in Paris society and frequently met politicians well qualified to represent French public opinion—casually let fall this observation:

"In Paris there is a very strong tide of opinion in favour of a speedy peace."

FRANCE: the Whole Truth

First of a new series of articles by

ELIE J. BOIS

Editor of the "Petit Parisien" and for 20 years an intimate of France's rulers.

One afternoon in September, 1939, a worthy Breton Senator rushed up to me in the courtyard of the War Ministry, his arms raised to heaven.

"Have you heard the news? The Council of Ministers—"

"Well?"

"It's terrible! Haven't you read about it? The Council has decided itself to pursue the conduct of the war until final victory."

That spirit persisted throughout the months to follow.

Georges Bonnet, while he was still Foreign Minister, asserted openly that he had told Mr Sumner Welles, Mr Roosevelt's envoy, that a speedy peace was necessary and that "a strong party" existed in France in favour of it.

In the Parliamentary lobbies and political salons there were defeatist clans persistently exploiting the name of Marshal Pétain.

Among the public, the fifth column and those gravitating about it would foster doubts about the reasons and responsibilities for the war.

Why were we at war? For Danzig?

France would not fight for Danzig, M. Deat had already remarked, the same M. Deat who, Air Minister at the time, had said in March, 1936: "We will not fight for Locarno and for the demilitarisation of the Rhineland."

Why fight for the English? That would be the question repeated on a thousand lips by poisoned tongues in town and country, in the army, on the wireless, and in the Parliamentary lobbies as well.

This was the general internal situation M. Paul Reynaud had to cope with. And, much nearer of the men mobilised be set to him personally, he had two work extending the Maginot evil geniuses—a woman and a line to the sea and constructing man.

The Woman's Part

It will never be known whether M. Reynaud, who undoubtedly dreamed of being the man who would win the war, would not actually have won it if he had not had Helene de Portes and Paul Baudouin combined to precipitate him into defeat.

Let us summon the enchantress to the box as witness, or perhaps to the dock as chief among the accused, and say: "Bring in Helene de Portes, nee Rebuffet!"

And what are the charges against her? What part did she play in this Tragedy of France?

From morning till night, and by day and night, she undermined the will of M. Reynaud and made him submit to her will.

THE MAN—AND THE SORCESS



He will never be known whether Reynaud (above) would not have actually won if it had not been for Helene de Portes (left) and M. Baudouin

She had chosen, in Reynaud, a thoroughbred, lively, highly-strung, difficult and stubborn, but of great ability.

She kept him well in hand and he obviously delighted in submitting to her control.

The association of the two had long been tolerantly recognised.

Helene de Portes had a burning thirst for power. How could she imagine that she could realise her dream except by complete victory?

To her, no doubt, more often than to anyone else, Paul Reynaud must have said: "I will win the war."

With him victorious, she too, would be Victory! Everyone would be at her feet.

But, no! That was not the way of it! She said to herself, and others said to her: "Paul's crazy with his 'I shall win the war! We can't win the war. We can only win the defeat. Yes, win the defeat.'"

Who cast this spell on the sorceress? Who tamed the tamer? Who? Baudouin!

Day after day these two—Mme. de Portes and Paul Baudouin—became more intimate.

Each gained a more and more effective influence over the other.

The silhouette of M. Baudouin was outlined against the back of the picture when M. Paul Reynaud formed his Government at the end of March and appointed him Secretary of the War Cabinet and Under-Secretary of State at his side.

Enter Baudouin

Whence did he come? His name was almost unknown to the public at large.

He belonged to that body of Inspectors of Finance from which have come so many outstanding officials and notable men of affairs, but also so many untrustworthy and unbearable figures.

Ordinarily there is no middle road for the products of this great school: either the exceptional intellectual overwork to which candidates for Inspectorships of Finance are subjected before the examination for entry has atrophied their brains for life, or they resist it.

M. Baudouin stood out among his peers as one of the boldest and most intelligent.

From his birth he had been well served by powerful backing, but he also had personal gifts, which he showed to advantage in board-rooms and then in the offices of the Ministry of Finance.

At the beginning of 1938 he tried to attract attention by a sort of manifesto: "The Data of the French Problem," which he published in the *Revue de Paris*.

The roots of his present work are inscribed there.

"No insurmountable obstacle," he wrote, "separates France from Germany. It is a crime against our country to assert that war with Germany is inevitable."

M. Baudouin's little manifesto was a mixture in which the good, the normal and the worst were mingled with a sincerely concealed sympathy for the totalitarian formulas.

Exit Reynaud

But it was the worst which predominated.

In the last days at Paris, during the days and nights at Bordeaux, it was M. Baudouin who, in concert with Helene de Portes, wore away the nervous strength of M. Paul Reynaud.

Finally, M. Reynaud became discouraged, unable to see things clearly any more, and he threw down his knapsack and fell in a heap at the side of the road, renouncing the whole of his responsibilities.

MONDAY:

Reynaud wants to sack Gamelin. A Cabinet duel with Daladier. Reynaud decides to resign. But German invasion of Holland and Belgium keeps the tottering Cabinet on its feet. Gamelin sends despairing messages from the front and starts a panic in Paris.

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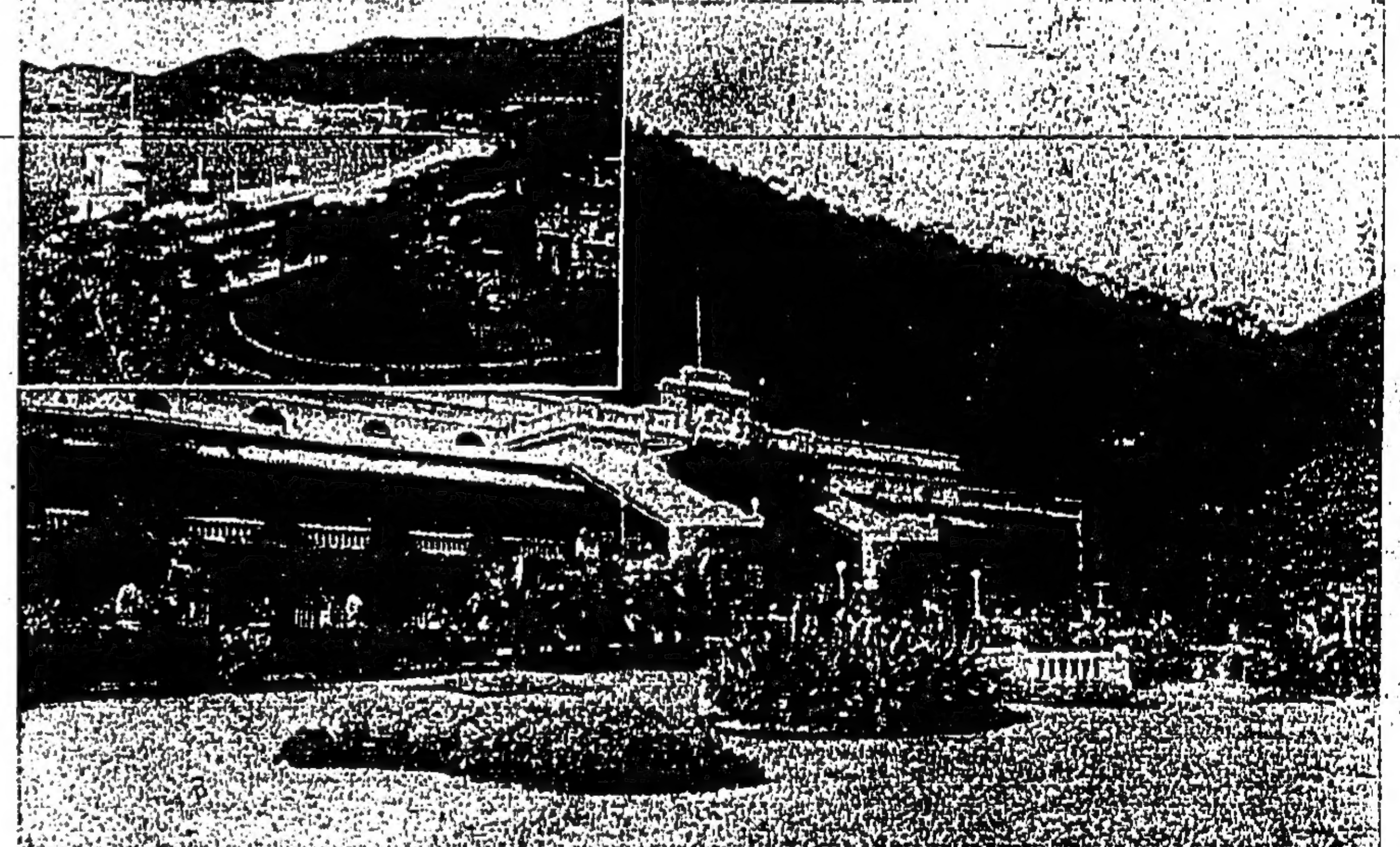
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All right—you can have them, and it's really a very simple matter. Just a few easy rules, and a good look at the subject before you shoot. Sharp snapshots you will always get if the subject is still, the camera is steady, and the lens is set for the right distance from the subject. Most cameras, even some of the expensive ones, can be set for different distances—and this allows you to move nearer the subject, or farther back, so as to have exactly what you want in the picture. You just set the lens for the distance from camera to subject, and shoot.

Clear snapshots you can always get if the subject is well lighted, and if you give the proper exposure. Of course, if half the subject is in black shadow, you can't expect your camera to see the details. That's why you use two lights for most indoor snapshots—one for the main light, and one to brighten up the shadow side. When using just

one light—like a flash bulb—you should usually have it quite near the camera, so it will reach all of the subject that is in the picture. Interesting snapshots you can get, very easily, if you keep things simple. It is especially bad to clutter up a picture with objects that aren't necessary. For example, if you took a picture of Grandmother peeling apples, it would be a mistake to have the whole kitchen in the background, with sink and stove and work table and doors and windows all in view. No—you just want her, and the apples, and maybe Johnny looking on, but nothing else that can be avoided. A perfectly plain background is best.

Whenever possible, your subject should be doing something—some simple act—because then the picture "tells a story." Such pictures have a point—and folks really enjoy looking at them.

Try these suggestions, and you'll just naturally get clear, sharp, interesting shots. It's more pleasant than doing things the wrong way—and the pictures are much more satisfying.

John van Ouldor

Madame Chiang Speaks

CHINA SHALL RISE AGAIN, a ten-week flash, but is a continuing saga of successful resistance now in its fourth long year. Or doubt that it will keep going.

By Weldon James

Last time I saw Madame Chiang Kai-shek was in Nanking, shortly before it fell, when most of the world believed that China's collapse was a matter of days. That was in 1937, in the first year of the Sino-Japanese War, and a lot of Chinese believed it, too. But not Madame Chiang.

She was a radiant, purposeful whirlwind of optimism, a great little First Lady who dashed from army front to base hospital, from fear-stricken ministries to the open streets of newly-bombed cities, where the stunned populace could take heart at the sight of one of its symbols of undaunted resistance, and from there to her husband's press conference, where she might, with her command of English, more effectively help him to present China's case to the world.

By her latest book the Madame still is at it, and still doing nobly. From the title to the final page, *China Shall Rise Again* breathes a reasoned hope that in these dark days must well bring cheer to Western hearts. She doesn't let you forget

that China's miracle was not the complicity of the United States in furnishing "80 per cent. of Japan's war supplies—and 95 per cent. of the aviation gasoline." She speaks gratefully of the extent of Russian credits and warns again that the democracies, by not doing justice to China, will "endanger their own prestige and interests in the Far East."

Not that the volume is sweetness and light. Far from it. Madame Chiang plays up the hopeful, stubborn determination of a heroic nation, complete with the interlarded progress reports of ten government officials, but on her own she does a convincing performance of the purposeful scold, sparing neither the weaknesses of her people nor the crimes of the democracies.

Book of the Week

Westerners will find the first section of the book a fascinating, but exhaustively platitudinous series of sermons on the weaknesses of the Chinese character—the taking of bribes, graft in public funds, the "corroding assumption that the officials are the masters of the people" illiteracy, "face" and the six other deadly Chinese sins.

It seems a good thing that when these chapters were appearing as features in a Chungking newspaper, her husband, the Generalissimo, got into the habit of clipping them, underlining pertinent paragraphs and mailing them to certain of his more old-fashioned lieutenants.

But Chinese failings get kind words from the Madame compared with her bitter indictment of the democracies. More briefly but more tellingly she damns the now too-familiar catalogue of their shortcomings during the first lonely three years of China's fight, particu-

lary the complicity of the United States in furnishing "80 per cent. of Japan's war supplies—and 95 per cent. of the aviation gasoline." She speaks gratefully of the extent of Russian credits and warns again that the democracies, by not doing justice to China, will "endanger their own prestige and interests in the Far East."

Nowhere else in the book does Madame Chiang mention the possibility of China's losing the war. But here she stingingly concludes that "If, unhappily we were defeated in the end . . . the world ought to know that . . . China was strangled to death by an economic noose fashioned by Japan out of British appeasement, American profiteering, and French fear."

The Madame concludes, "There is perhaps nothing like a war such as we have been waging in self-defence to prepare the way for a far-reaching remolding of our national life in general."

Ten carbon copies of such sentiment may be found in the factual backbone of the book—reports by government officials on the conduct of the war for the first three years (1937-1940). Though they smack too much of departmental boasting at times, they offer a wealth of detail on the still incomplete story of how the amazing Chinese have kept up their incredible fight for national existence.

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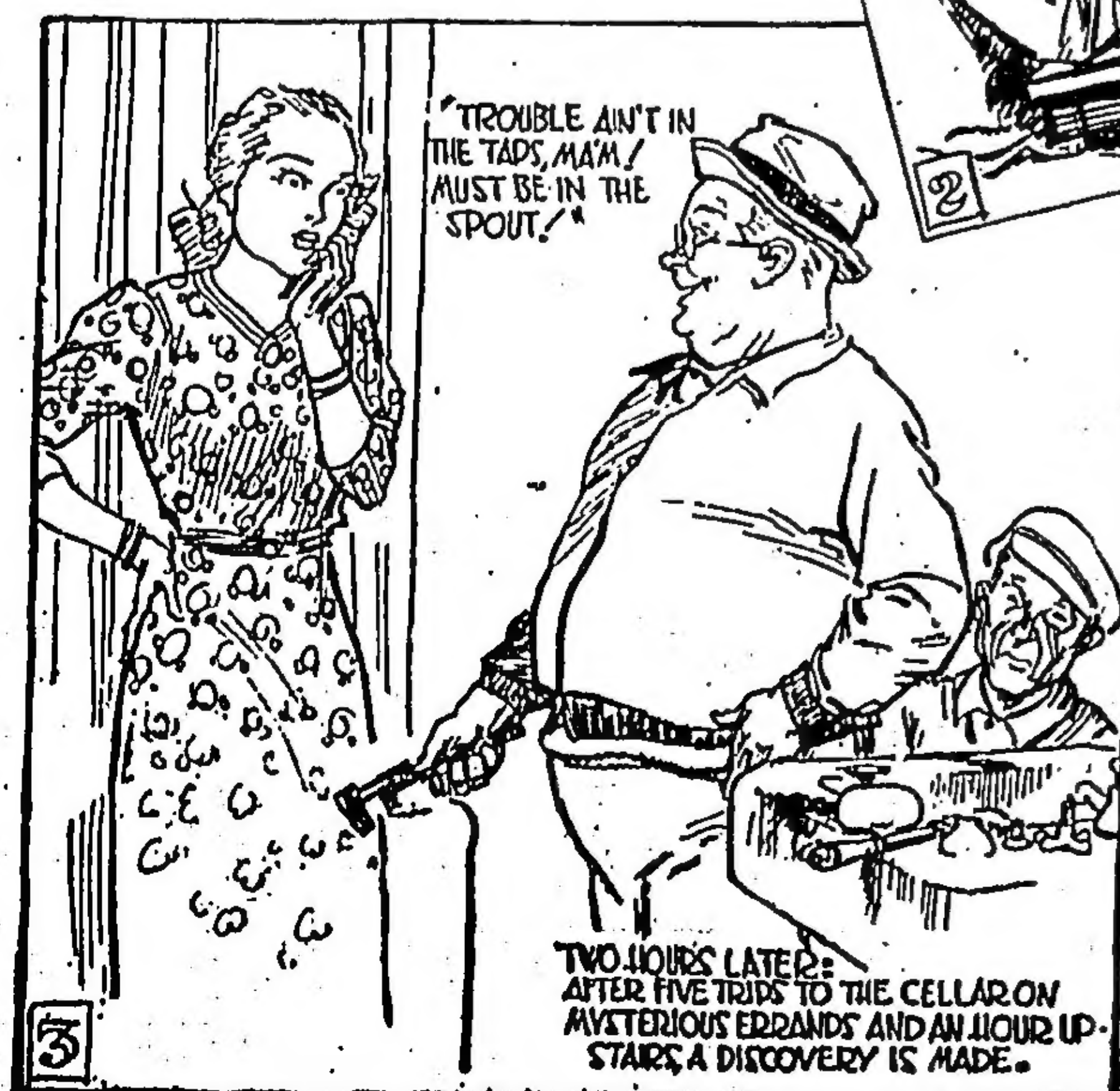
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Edison the Man

A little while back Mickey Rooney gave us a pretty picture of young Thomas Alva Edison, Public Inventor Number One (as they say these days) in his struggling youth.

Now Spencer Tracy takes over the story and stamps his personality on "Edison the Man." The picture is showing at the Queen's and Alhambra.

Man is right. It is a one-man picture. Mr. Tracy, magnificently made-up and in character as Edison the old man, can't resist being Tracy the young man, while he is inventing the phonograph and electric light.

Never mind that. This is a good picture, and you will enjoy your Spencer mucking about with lamp filaments far better than you did when he was specially colour-lit on his way up the North-West passage.

Edison was such a whale of a guy and Tracy is such a good screen actor that this film could hardly go wrong. The dramatic moments belong to the drama of real life.

The final speech, with its plea for humanity and character as a counter-weight to science, is Edison's own last public pronouncement put into Tracy's mouth.

So, just as Edison gave you the gramophone, and helped to perfect the talking picture for your entertainment, here he is still entertaining you.

It is only fair to say that Rita Johnson, as Mrs. Edison, Lynne Overman and Felix Bressart assist in making this human chunk of entertainment. But it is still a one-man show: Edison or Tracy—take your choice.

Movies

Foreign Correspondent

All Alfred Hitchcock's films have quick startability. Five minutes after "Foreign Correspondent" has started we with McCrea;

That Huntley Haverstock (Joel McCrea), American war correspondent, is in London sleuthing a big peace treaty plot. Europe is clattering over the edge to war;

That a Dutch statesman, Van Meer, is behind the peace offensive and risking torture and death from his war-mongering enemies;

That a strange Mr. Fisher (Herbert Marshall) is mixed up in a racket calling itself an international peace society. It is crashing in the Atlantic when a cover for plotting, intrigue, and war-making;

Yes, a thriller of the best, with a mounting and terrific interest, a very able cast, big effects, and the true-to-life detail which always makes a Hitchcock film arresting.

The ponderous British director has lost none of his cunning. His witty strokes of character—as in the beaming, baffled Latvian—his powerful atmosphere and ticking suspense, what a master he is of the human comedy and in human drama that roars through life.

The plane crash at the end, however, is pure Hollywood—any director could have done it—but it is brilliantly carried out.

Joel McCrea is goodish as the war correspondent, but George Sanders, as a brother newsman, gives a better performance.

Laraine Day is a girl with a delicate, porcelain profile, plenty of acting ability, and a pretty "hammy" part.

The film is due soon at the Lee Theatre.

Kitty Foyle

Easily the greatest of RKO Radio's pictures for the season, "Kitty Foyle" is coming to the King's Theatre on Thursday, May 1.

For her performance in this film the star, Ginger Rogers, was awarded the trophy of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The film is faithfully adapted from the novel by Christopher Morley, and deals with the life and loves of a white collar girl in a big city. There are millions of such girls in our modern workaday world: they type-writers in offices from nine to five, mainly considered as a business fixture, as a complement to the machines they manipulate. Some more glamorous—or more designing—rise quickly out of the humdrum existence, but for the rest the years are merely a succession of different bosses with correspondence to dictate.

Kitty Foyle is an average stenographer, but she has a zest for life, into her drab life enters romance, such as enters the life of a million others like her. How she reacts to the different men with whom she comes into contact is told with insight and understanding.

Dennis Morgan and James Craig are the leading male players. The picture was directed by Sam Wood, one of Hollywood's most dependable and imaginative veterans.



Arizona

"Arizona," which is now showing at the King's, is a story of pioneering America. The action takes place in the middle of the 19th century in Tucson, which was then nothing but a collection of adobe huts.

Jean Arthur plays the first American woman settler of the place—a frontier helcat with plenty of courage, spirit and vision.

She falls in love with a wandering adventurer, William Holden, who, however, rides on to California. After a series of adventures, during which she sets up a frontier supply train and meets with the trouble from competitors, who do not even balk at setting Indians at her, she is at last reunited with her lover who rides back to help her with California infancy.

Despite its length, the film is exciting entertainment, though interest is slowed down at many points by an imperfect scenario. The settings are in the category of the spectacular, the producers having gone to the extent of constructing an entire city of the period, complete to the last detail.

This miniature city has been presented to the State of Arizona.

Warren William, as a renegade whose lawless activities bring him into open conflict with a Phoebe Titus, has one of the strongest roles of his career. The cast of 4,000 includes Porter Hall, Regis Toomey and Paul Harvey. But Jean Arthur dominates the picture, and to her largely goes the credit of making the picture enjoyable.

1940'S FOREMOST STARS

George J. Schaefer, president of RKO Radio Pictures, left, with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Award winners Ginger Rogers and James Stewart, at the Academy Award dinner, at which Miss Rogers was awarded an "Oscar" for the best feminine performance of the season, that of the white-collar girl in "Kitty Foyle." Stewart won a similar award for his role in "Philadelphia Story."



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Following Japanese Tradition

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Many different views as to the word's origin and the base of its derivation are held. The literal or dictionary translation of the Japanese character "maru" technically denotes a circle or ring, when used as a noun, and round, complete, perfect or all-embracing, when used as an adjective. Ancient Japanese boats were of a round shape, like a coracle built in the early days of France. They were made of hide on a wicker frame. Consequently, the word "Maru," having the literal meaning of the round or ring, might have been taken originally from the shape of the boat.

In still older days "Maru" was frequently affixed to the names of princes, and in this connection would seem to have had an affectionate meaning; it also was applied to especially good sword blades and denoted something precious and highly valued. Then, in the feudal days, it came to be applied to the keepers of castles. For instance, Ichino Maru and Nini Maru meaning the first and second keeps. This may have originated in their round shape or in view of the fact that the keep of a castle was regarded as its most important part, and therefore was highly valued.

According to an old legend, in ancient China, about 4,000 years ago, during the reign of the Emperor Huang-ti, a fair messenger from heaven called Hokuo Maru was sent down to Lord Tokuo-tzu and taught him the art of shipbuilding. Since then, ships are said to have been named with the suffix "Maru" in deference to the shipbuilding instructor.

A Japanese legendary source associates the word with Azumonosora-maru, who was supposed to have lived under the sea, and to whom the shrine of Siga on Sigsima Island was dedicated. It is said that suffixing "Maru" to the names of Japanese merchant vessels was at first due to the legendary Azumonosora-maru. There are many more hypothetical interpretations of "Maru," but the meanings in a local or poetical sense lie in its traditional associations.

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No fewer than 36 different types of American aircraft, ranging from the swiftest fighters to training planes, are on order or have been delivered to the R.A.F.

At least 20,000 aircraft are being built for Britain in the States, but even that figure does not indicate the number which future orders will bring to us.

Of the 36 types on order it can be disclosed that at least six are fighters, eight are machines for the Bomber Command, five, or maybe six, for the Coastal Command, three for the Training Command.

Secret Machine

American fighters have already carried out valuable work for us—the famous Tarrant pictures, were taken by an American Martin Maryland twin-engine machine.

One machine is being kept secret—even in the United States. This is the North American NA73 Mustang fighter, which was designed only last year.

Though many of the capabilities of the American aircraft are known to have been over-rated, there is no doubt that their speeds are, in some cases, terrific.

One fighter, the twin-engine Lightning, made by the Lockheed Company, builders of the famous Hudson machines of the Coastal Command has a speed of over 400 m.p.h. It would be eminently suitable for long-range escort work.

425 M.P.H.

The Fleet Air Arm's share in America's contribution to our war effort consists of three fighters—the Grumman Martlet, the Skyrocket, and the Brewster Bermuda.

The Martlet is already at work and the first time it was in action it shot down a Dornier. The Skyrocket is a twin-engine machine said to be capable of 425 m.p.h., armed with two cannons as well as six machine guns. The Bermuda is a two-seater fighter-dive-bomber rather similar in appearance to the British Blackburn Skua.

SIX DIE PRAYING

SIX people were killed as they knelt in prayer during a recent air raid on Portsmouth.

They were members of the Roman Catholic Bishop's domestic staff.

Three high explosive bombs hit his house.

After rescue workers, including three priests, had toiled in vain for many hours, they found that they had been tramping over a delayed action bomb buried in the ruins.

Premier Made Boy Happy

PHILIP GRIFFITHS, of Royston, Yorks, 11-year-old grandson of Mr George Griffiths, Labour M.P. for Hemsworth, is a very happy boy.

In the smoke room of the House of Commons one night, Mr Griffiths told Mr Winston Churchill how delighted his grandson was that the Premier had signed his autograph album.

"When is his birthday?" asked the Premier.

"I wrote his name and the date on a piece of paper which Mr Churchill put into his waistcoat pocket," Mr Griffiths said.

"And on Philip's birthday he received an autographed copy of Mr Churchill's book, 'My Early Life: A Roving Commission'."

NAZIS SMUGGLE DIAMONDS

A diamond-smuggling organisation on a large scale is operating in Brazil to keep Germany's war machine in motion. About 50 per cent. of the industrial diamond output, without which some of Germany's vital war industries would be forced to cease work within six months, is being acquired by Germany at fancy prices.

Making these statements, the United States newspaper "P.M." says that since the war Germany has been cut off from South African supplies and has become dependent on the Brazilian fields.

Kurt Prufer, German Ambassador to Brazil, is said to be directing the activities of Nazi diamond experts who are invading the market and smuggling diamonds out of Brazil. Berlin has ordered Prufer to stop at nothing to gain control of the supplies.

British Proof

Sir Geoffrey Knox, British Ambassador to Brazil, is said to have furnished the Brazilian Government with proof that Prufer is smuggling the diamonds out of the country in the Nazi diplomatic bag, thus evading export taxes and breaking international law.

The Brazilian Government appears to know of the traffic but hesitates to prejudice German-Brazilian relations by demanding Prufer's recall. Further, it is not assured that Britain would buy the diamonds if accounts were closed with Germany.

British agents are unable to intercept the diamonds by waylaying Nazi agents on their way back from the diamond fields for fear of a breach in Anglo-American relations.

Italians' Aid

Italian diplomats in Rio de Janeiro are aiding the export by flying the diplomatic bag in Italian 'planes' of the East service to Rome by way of North Africa.

Rio diamond circles learn, the paper says, that British interests are considering a plan to oust the Nazis by a tremendous buying effort.

War Office Documents Recovered

Capt. Margesson, Secretary for War, recently stated that documents belonging to the War Office which were left in taxis and other vehicles were recovered in 19 of the 21 cases.

None of the losses was from Service cars, but there was one loss—unrecovered—from a private car. In this case, which presented several unsatisfactory features, said the Minister, "the loser was dismissed from his employment." In four other cases, which were dealt with directly from the War Office, the losers were suitably admonished.

"The remaining cases, where the losers were identified and the documents were of any importance, were referred to local military authorities for appropriate action."

Famous Night Club Now Closed

One of the best-known night clubs in London, the "Bag o' Nails," Kingly-street, W., was closed a few weeks ago under the Defence Regulations. The order to close followed a raid when the names and addresses of 39 persons were taken.

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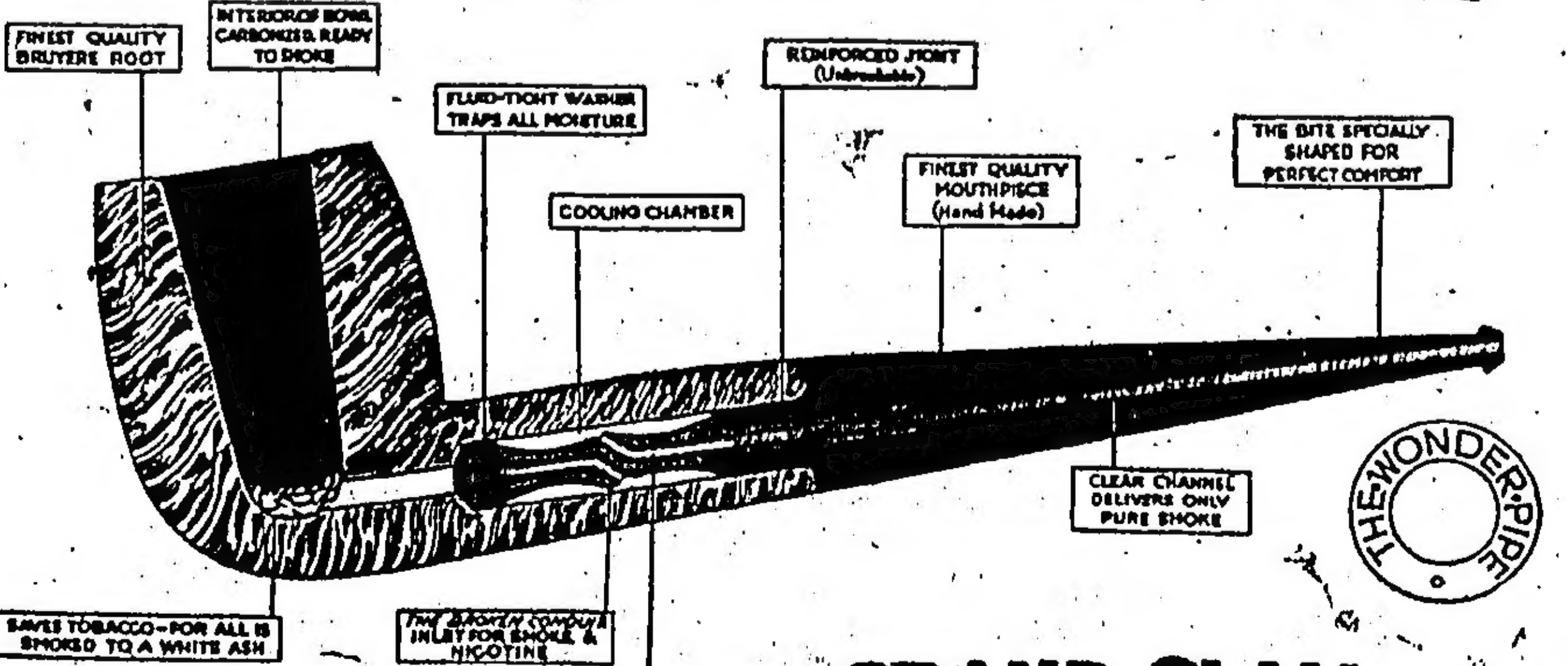
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